

SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURE, ARTS & NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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South Windsor Public Library – Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission
John Mitchell, Rotary Club
Andrew Paterna, South Windsor Food Alliance
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: Councilor M. Saud Anwar, Town Council
John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust

3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2017 meeting. Deputy Mayor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

4. Public Input

None

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5. New Business/Discussion items

Brush Clearing Around Farmhouse

This will be discussed at the next meeting because Mr. Caldwell was not present. Mr. Folger stated that the bittersweet is taking over and needs to be sprayed. Mrs. Lipe said she would talk to John Caldwell and Ray Favreau about contracting this task out.

Power for Lights at the Farmhouse

Mrs. Lipe stated she would follow up on this issue.

Connection with Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

Chairman Paterna explained that he met with Erica Frank from the Hartford Foundation for Giving and found out that the Hartford Foundation does not give funds to municipalities. There is a way to possibly sell the house and a portion of the property to a 501C3 in order to get more funds from the Hartford Foundation. Deputy Mayor Snyder suggested that the Community Foundation be looked at. It would have to be a resolution by the Council to sell the property to a 501C3. Chairman Paterna said the Committee would have to sit down and discuss this item further. Mr. Paterna explained further that the cap is \$300,000.

Mrs. Lipe explained that the Committee may be able to get a house grant for \$50,000 with matching funds. Mrs. Macro stated that the Committee could count the \$24,000 as matching funds. Mrs. Lipe said she would follow up regarding the \$9,000 that is supposed to come from Eversource.

Committee members discussed the ability for someone to come in and make a list of what needs to be done inside the house. Mrs. Macro will speak with Ed Sunderland and Chairman Paterna stated he would call Dave Goslin to see if he would be able to come and give an estimate.

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5. New Business/Discussion items

Conversation with DOT Engineer and Traffic Light at Sullivan/Rt 74

Chairman Paterna stated that he contacted Gregory Palmer and Mr. Palmer said he wished that someone had contacted the office one year ago. He also said that they would entertain a request but the Town would have to hire an engineer, do the design and pay for it for a cost of approximately \$300,000. Deputy Mayor Snyder stated that she had contacted the office previously and said she has spoken to someone she knows who is an Electrical Engineer about this item and he is going to talk to someone in DOT about this.

Planning Team Bios for Grant Application

Chairman Paterna stated that he would send out the form and requested that everyone fill it out. The Grant Committee will meet again soon and will identify places to send applications out to.

Plywood Window Art Project

Deputy Mayor Snyder explained that it is too late to send this project to the schools because they are getting ready to be on summer vacation.

Chairman Paterna explained that he met someone from Manchester who belongs to a non-profit called "Young at Art". They work with students who would be willing to do the painting on the plywood for the windows at the Priest house. Committee members felt this would be a great idea. The Committee will buy the plywood and prime it white.

6. New Business/Discussion items

Logo Contest

Mr. Folger stated that he would sent out a color copy of the different logos that were submitted for the Committee to vote on at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date/Public Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2017/SW Library

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8. Adjournment

At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Council Clerk