

PRIEST PROPERTY: 72-74 acres, about 12-18 acres are used for farming. The home on the property was built in 1823.

#### COMMUNITY NEEDS:

Community needs include the following. not necessarily in the order of importance/ A certified kitchen, learning center, opportunity for sale of goods, community gardens, use of tobacco sheds for a museum or farm museum, preservation of trails, walking trails, Raising animals, opportunity for having clean energy, agricultural artisans and art work, farmer's market, historical preservation, demonstration gardens, shopping at market for economic development, (Support space for Wapping fair was not included in this list)

VISION Celebrating the farm heritage of South Windsor Focused on agricultural heritage and getting aesthetic charm of agriculture with the presence of farmland with active farming activities along with heritage farming and agricultural arts and works including farm animals for beauty. The facilities are to become a source of education and creating a beautiful open space close to the town center.

Model to look at is the Northwest Park in Windsor. A visit to Northwest Park will be scheduled

## CHALLENGES:

Access that can be I still the main and only access point. For sewer will need a septic system. For water, we will need a well. Funding, we need a grant and sustainability plan. Parking.

## ALTERNATIVE SITES THAT WERE EVALUATED:

Alternatives considered included the Nelson Farm, Niederwerfer house, part of the land trust, Jones property, Orchard Hill property. The above have been assessed and after discussion it was just felt that it would not be useful. Priest farm is the best options for what the community is looking for.

Consideration was made for Wapping fair, it was felt that it would not be the right spot for them.

NEXT STEPS: After detailed discussion, the group felt that we need to have a bipartisan committee setup to have members of the various subgroups to come together, to be led by Andy Paterna and with the support from Michelle Lipe and other town staff who will do the process and assessment for the property and planning. Andy to help coordinate the other individuals interested who could provide support as well.