

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 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission
John Mitchell, Rotary Club
Deputy Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council

3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes (November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018)

Mrs. Etter made a motion to approve the November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018 minutes. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

4. Public Input

Mr. Bob Dickinson, 19 Birch Road came before the Committee to inform them that the Energy Commission would like the Town to do more solar projects. Mr. Dickinson felt that incentives should be given to commercial buildings both old and new. If there were more push to put solar on commercial buildings, then there would be less to put it on farmland. The Energy Committee is looking for ideas on how to have an incentive to do something like that.

Committee members briefly discussed this issue and stated that residents should be educated on this item.

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5. Discussion items

Update/Discussion/Meeting with Architect and State Historic Preservation Office (Michele Lipe)

Mr. Folger reported that the lead needs to be removed from the farmhouse. All of the woodwork in the house has to be preserved and cannot be re-created. Mr. Folger stated he would send the lead report to Dave Goslin who can factor this item into the estimates.

Committee members discussed the State Historic Preservation informing that if the Town is going to apply for grant money for construction, the original product for restorations needs to be used. The Committee then discussed having a modular home built on the property for the resident farmer to live in rather than renovating the existing home. A portion of the existing home may be able to be used for educational purposes.

Committee members decided to get a cost estimate for the modular home and an estimate for the lead removal from Dave Goslin. This item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

What can we do to protect the farmhouse now?

Chairman Paterna stated that this item will be discussed at the next meeting because Councilor Snyder and Mrs. Lipe are not present tonight.

6. New Business/Additional Discussion Items

Mr. Favreau first informed the Committee that there are only one or two window panels that are not up yet. He then informed the Committee that he would be going to see a silo at 195 Melrose Road, in East Windsor. The silo looks like the silo on the Priest property. Mr. Folger stated that the silo on the Priest property should be evaluated by a structural engineer.

Mr. Favreau also informed the Council that at the Holcomb Farm in Granby has a barn which they rent out for weddings. The cost per wedding is \$4,000 which would be a great revenue source for the farm.

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7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the South Windsor Public Library.

8. Adjournment

At 6:11 p.m., Mr. Macro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid, Council Clerk