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Special Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Steering Committee

Saturday November 19, 2011, at 3 p.m. Parmelee Farm

The following committee members were in attendance: Christine Cronin, Terry Doyle, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Joseph Hutchins, Richard Pleines, and Peg Scofield.

Absent: Bruce Dodson, Doug Ewers, Karen Milano

Visitors: Bob Broach, Florence Broach, Debbie Dekkers, B.J. Folger, Claudette LaGasse, Jan O'Sullivan, Gina Regolo, Tom Paske

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed the visitors.

Tim moved to approve the first annual tree lighting be held at the farm on December 4 which is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, the Lions, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, seconded by Terry Doyle, unanimously passed.

Then Tim introduced Tom Paske who was invited to talk to the Historical Society and the PFSC about the Parmelee house. Tom had visited the house in 2010 in conjunction with the grant from the Connecticut Historic Trust and the work done by Tom Elmore for the Master Site Plan. He is an expert in old houses. He said that in Southern New England mid-nineteenth century buildings are rarer than the earlier building. The Parmelee house is surprisingly intact and its importance lies in the fact that it is still in situ, e.g., a farm house on a farm-- not surrounded by other buildings. He then went on to discuss the construction of the house, what is still original and what had been modified over the years. There was then a lengthy discussion about what is required to transform a residence to a public building.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin, Secretary

November 22, 2011 at 8⁰⁰ A.M.
Linda M. Dudek Town Clerk