

# The Colonel Daniel Putnam Association



## Minutes of the Annual Summer Meeting July 26, 2003

The annual summer meeting of the CDPA was called to order by President Houston Putnam Lowry at 1 p.m.

### Reports from TFMI

Tyrone Farm Management, Inc. ("TFMI") reported on Jennifer Dustin Hinze's presentation entitled "A Woman's Vision of Family: Emily Malbone Morgan, Putnam Elms and the Women who came to Brooklyn" to the Brooklyn Historical Society on March 20, 2003.

TFMI reported on the season's opening event by G. Leslie Sweetnam entitled "A Soldier Reports: the advantages of enlistment in the Connecticut state regiments, a soldier's diet, and other topics" at Putnam Elms on June 29, 2003 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Thirty people attended, although no CDPA members. An excellent time was had by all who attended (regrettably no members attended).

### Committee Reports

The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report were unanimously accepted. Rob Perry's resignation from the Board of Directors of the CDPA and as Treasurer of the organization was noted.

TFMI assisted in the presentations by the House Committee and the Grounds Committee. Their reports were accepted and copies are attached.

The House and Grounds report noted that:

- The Master Gardener Program was very active this year, with Martie MacLaren supervising the efforts of volunteers at the Elms. Considerable progress was made on clearing vegetation from rock walls.
- A proposal was submitted to the USDA for the Wildlife Incentive Program ("WHIP")

for funds to remove invasive non-native species and encourage growth of native species that support local wildlife.

- A preliminary site was established for a parking lot. The proposed site is south of the rock wall and to the west of the well house and would not be visible from the house.
- TFMI presented a draft site rental contract to be used for events at Putnam Elms by non-CDPA members.
- The paint on the house continues to deteriorate and \$19,500 was approved to have the house and two barns painted by Just Painting Co. of Brooklyn.

### Additional Notes and Comments

The closing event took place on October 17, 2003 and featured a "Taste of Fall" Halloween theme.

Anyone with a desire to serve as an officer or on a committee should contact Houston Putnam Lowry at [HPLowry@BrownWelsh.com](mailto:HPLowry@BrownWelsh.com).

A proposal to hold the Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 1st was approved. The meeting will take place at noon following a service at Old Trinity Church at 11 a.m. The members of the Association will provide hearty fare for this annual pot luck dinner meeting.

There being no other business, the combined meeting was adjourned.