

COLONEL DANIEL PUTNAM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes from October 31, 2009 Meeting

Houston Putnam Lowry called the meeting to order at 1:39 pm.

Present were Hope Allen, Elizabeth Beach, Rob Forrester, Emily Gibbs, Hillary Gibbs, John Gibbs, Nathan Hadley Gibbs, Scott Gibbs, Steven Gibbs, Trevor Miles Gibbs, Sue Jayes, Webb Jayes, Houston Putnam Lowry, Bill MacLaren, Katie MacLaren, Myrtle Morse, Jennifer Putnam, and Liz West.

House and Grounds Report

Bill MacLaren reported that we are in good shape with the house for the winter. Concern has been expressed about the septic system which is something that we will address as we can. He is looking for someone to help restore the stonewalls.

Tyrone Farm Management Report

Elizabeth Beach reported that August was a continuation of a thorough house cleaning. In September there was not much activity. There were two events in October as part of The Last Green Valley's 19th Annual Walktober including walks from PE to Old Trinity and back, publicized as Daniel Putnam's Constitutional. These were successful and we may expand the walks next year to include refreshments and a house tour. There is some confusion about the real identity of the larch tree south of the house: it could be a European Larch or American Hybrid Larch. In November, there will be a Day of Repentance in Hartford related to Old Trinity and PE's historical involvement in the use of slaves.

Nominating Committee

Jennifer Putnam reported that her father, Doug, is at UConn hospital so not as much progress has been made on the nominating committee. Houston Putnam Lowry suggested that Doug Putnam be made an honorary director similar to Hope Allen.

Myrtle Morse moved that we otherwise re-elect the current officers. Emily Gibbs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Current Officers:	President, Houston Putnam Lowry
	Vice President, Liz West
	Secretary, Katie MacLaren
	Asst. Secretary, Scott Gibbs
	Treasurer, Houston Putnam Lowry
	Honorary Director, Hope Allen
	Honorary Director, Doug Putnam

New Members

John Gibbs made a motion that Trevor Miles Gibbs be considered for membership.
Passed unanimously.

Membership News, Old and New Business

Steven Gibbs observed that there is some peeling paint on one of the out buildings. Myrtle Morse announced that she is concerned that the state is going to be looking for funds anywhere they can which might impact the CDPA's tax-exempt status. She said that she's not sure the CDPA contributes enough to the Town of Brooklyn and suggested we consider doing more to draw people next season. Scott Gibbs asked if Myrtle and Hope have records about the events they used to have here at PE. Houston Putnam Lowry reported that we continue to try to meet or exceed the requirements for our tax-exempt status and that we will continue to do so.

Elizabeth Beach reported that there are some discussions within TFMI about how to potentially draw more school children in the area. Houston Putnam Lowry suggested that anyone who has any ideas touch base with Bill MacLaren. Sue Jayes asked about the possibility of partnering with Putnam Memorial Park in Redding.

Scott Gibbs reported that he came across a lot of cousin Sophie's belongings in the attic of Little Datchet and he read a condolence letter written to her from Mrs. Roosevelt after the death of her sister. He also read a letter from 1901 from Houston Putnam Lowry's grandfather, George H. Day, Jr., who was instrumental in getting CDPA tax-exempt status in 1952.

Scott Gibbs showed a newspaper insert regarding Emily Gibbs' long-time involvement in the Naugatuck Women's Studies Group.

Scott Gibbs made a motion to give a \$100 honorarium to Father Kellaway who performed the ceremony today at Old Trinity. Bill MacLaren seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously.

Scott suggested that the larch be given some supports. Houston Putnam Lowry will touch base with Bill MacLaren about it.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Katie MacLaren
Secretary