

**Town of North Stonington, CT  
HEWITT FARM COMMITTEE**

**Monday, April 8 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting  
New Town Hall Conference Room**

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NORTH STONINGTON CT

1. **Call to order and attendance:** Chairman Ed Harasimowitz called the meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee to order at 4:33PM with members, Bob Dunn, Rick Wood, Tim Chokas and Nicole Gagnon present.

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest/Staff Present:** Diana Hunt

2. Additions to the Agenda: Approval of 3/11/2024 Minutes
3. Hayfield Report- Ron Lewis presented the hayfield report which showed they are being maintained with proper application of fertilizer and seeding. Perimeter of fields are being of brush. Hay yields have been good.
4. Approval of 12/5/2022, 7/10/1223 and 3/11/2024 Minutes- All were reviewed by the committee and approved.
5. Nicole Gagnon has asked the Scouts for help in manitaining the farm trails. They agreed to help and we will set up a date and time in the near future.
6. John Dean Gallop House Fence Repairs– Complete.
7. Trail sign repairs- Rick Wood has completed the repairs of 25 signs with 8 left to refinish.
8. Public Comments / Discussion- The Committee discussed the demolition of the cabin and corn crib. They viewed these structures as a financial liability to the town should someone get injured. They also add a negative aesthetic value to the farm. This will be discussed with the Selectmen.
9. Adjourn: 5:35pm

Respectfully submitted  
Ed Harasimowitz

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## Hewitt Farm Hayfields 2023 Report Mike Daniels and Ron Lewis

1. In early spring we frost seeded and fertilized all hay fields. (1,2,3 and 4).
2. We round baled first cutting hay in the spring on fields 1,2, 3 and 4. The hay yields were good.
3. Throughout the summer we had substantial rainfall in New London County. Precipitation was in excess of 10" above normal.
4. We consulted with NRCS regarding our crop yields, fertilizer application rates and brush management.
5. Field borders 1,2,3 and 4 were brush hogged, after we finished first and second cutting of hay.
6. We round baled second cutting hay in the fall on fields 1,2, 3 and 4. The new frost seeding that done in the spring contributed to very good hay yields.

### Plans for 2024 crop year:

- a. Apply recommended lime and fertilizer on hay fields 1,2,3, and 4 per soil test recommendations.
- b. Consult with NRCS on field borders and hay land management.
- c. Brush hogged along the edges of fields, along with clearing and cut up any fallen branches and trees from storms on fields 1,2,3, and 4.