

Town of North Stonington, CT
HEWITT FARM COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Hewitt Farm: Greene Gables
8 Hewitt Rd., North Stonington

A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Hewitt Farm Committee was held on September 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Greene Gables house and grounds. Members of the Board of the North Stonington Historical Society were invited to tour the building to observe the current condition of the site. Historical Society President Frank Eppinger had also offered to share information on the Society's interest in the building and possible future plans for its potential uses.

Present at the visit were all Hewitt Farm Committee members (Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Richard Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz, Nita Kincaid and Ed McGowan), the Board of Selectmen (Nicholas Mullane II, Shawn Murphy and Mark Donahue), and members of the Historical Society Board (Frank Eppinger, Gary Baron, Mary Bishop, Richard Blodgett, Mimi Borden, William Douglas, Kevin McBride, William Peterson, Richard Seager and Jon Wilska). Also present were Lou DiCesare (North Stonington Building Official), Leslie Rovetti (*Westerly Sun* reporter) and Brad Borden.

People at the meeting walked through the building informally, observing the condition of various areas and sharing views on needed repairs and its age. In some instances, attendees recalled experiences related to the building years ago.

Most of the group gathered briefly outside the building, as the visit was ending. Historical Society President Frank Eppinger shared some of his thoughts on the condition of the building and the importance of preserving Greene Gables for its historical significance to the town. He invited all to attend the Historical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 24th as that evening's program would be focused on the artist Fred Stewart Greene and would include information about Greene Gables. Mr. Eppinger further noted that the Historical Society would move forward promptly to develop a plan within six months that would define how the building might be used, how funds to restore or rebuild it might be obtained, and how the project would be carried out.

A brief discussion was also had on the importance of taking steps to better secure the site to prevent vandalism or accidents.

Respectfully submitted, Nita B. Kincaid