

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, September 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
New Town Hall Conference Room**

Prior to the "Call to Order," First Selectman Nick Mullane approached the group to express his appreciation for the outstanding work that the committee and others had done in preparing for and conducting the Harvest Festival. He remarked that he had received no complaints and many very favorable comments. He offered several suggestions for "next time."

In return, committee members thanked Mr. Mullane for his support of the event and for addressing the many issues that arose while readying the property. The committee voiced its appreciation of the Highway Department work, as well.

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Co-chair Nita Kincaid at 3:10 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick (Coop) Cooper and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve 09/14/2015 Meeting Minutes

Ellie motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 09/14/2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Critique of the Harvest Festival

Most of the meeting was spent talking about what "went well" during the event and what would need to be changed if the event were held again. Specifically, the group discussed issues related to parking, the event's participants, the visitors, volunteer help and the property in general.

It was concluded that the few problems that were encountered might have been due to poor communications, most of which could be remedied with a walkie-talkie and public address system. Other means of improved communication were also noted.

Committee members agreed that visitors to the event were generally very polite and upbeat. The event appeared to the group to be a very positive experience in all respects.

The meeting concluded with individual committee members accepting responsibilities for drafting thank you notes and letters of appreciation.

During the event, the committee's table maintained a collection jar for the benefit of individuals who wanted to donate money for the upkeep of the farm or for conducting the event. The table also sold large cookies donated by Wayne Hauptman. In addition the Fairy Garden ladies also put out a collection jar for Hewitt Farm donations. The total amount collected was \$137.

3) Planting of the Garden Club Oak Tree

The Oak Tree purchased with money from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut was planted near the Community Garden. Responsibility for its maintenance will be discussed at a future meeting.

4) Installation of Bat Houses

Discussion of the erection of the bat houses was deferred to the next meeting.

5) Priorities for October 5, 2015

- Installation of bat houses
- Status of the Letz Grant Letter of Intent
- Status of festival-related correspondence
- Other festival-related business

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper