

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, December 4, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
New Town Hall Conference Room**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Co-chair Nita Kincaid at 3:06 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve of 11/27/2017 Meeting Minutes

Jack motioned and Ed seconded to approve the 11/27/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Reappointment of Committee Members

Nita stated that she had spoken with each member and all had agreed to serve again in 2018. The names of all present members will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for reappointment to the Hewitt Farm Committee

3) Possible Hewitt Farm Event

Nita read aloud a letter from Mary Ann Ricker asking if the committee would consider hosting or participating in an event to be held at Hewitt Farm for the purpose of raising funds that would benefit the farm and the town. The group asked Ed to invite Mary Ann to its next meeting to describe her idea.

4) 1750 Farm House Inspection and Lease Renewal

Nita reported that she is waiting to hear from the tenants of the 1750 Farm House as to whether they wish to renew their lease for another calendar year. If they do, Ed and Selectman Bob Carlson will perform the annual inspection of the structure before the new lease is signed.

5) Eagle Scout Projects

Coop reported that Ethan Smith's Eagle Scout Project is still in the planning stages, Ethan Wiggins has set all the signposts on his tree identification trail, and Nathan Cherenzia's bridge is complete. Committee members Banker, Cooper, Harasimowitz, Brown, Kincaid and some spouses attended Jason Miner's Eagle Scout Court of Honor and found it very impressive.

6) Budget Status, Annual Report and 2018 Goals

Nita announced that a Town Meeting on the 2017/2018 Town Budget will be held on December 11th followed by a Referendum on the 18th.

She asked the committee to be prepared for contribute to the Hewitt Farm Committee's Annual Report for submission to the Board of Finance and inclusion in the Town's Annual Report.

The group briefly reviewed what had been achieved at the farm over the past year and began a discussion of projects for 2018. Everyone agreed the construction of a bathroom facility should become a major goal. The big concern voiced was how it would be kept clean.

7) Priorities for December 18, 2017

- Report on 1750 Farm House inspection
- Discussion of committee goals for 2018

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper