

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, January 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
New Town Hall Conference Room**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Chairman Ed Harasimowitz at 3:10 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve of 01/08/2017 Meeting Minutes

Nita motioned and Coop seconded to approve the 01/08/2017 Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried.

2) FY2018/2019 Budget

Nita distributed copies of a draft Budget Request to the Town for FY2018/2019. The document shows anticipated revenue between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, although Nita expressed some concern over the accuracy of the figures she had been given and will verify them before filing the document.

The group discussed how FY2016/2017 money had been spent and what expenses it anticipates in FY2017/2018.

3) FY2016/2017 Annual Report

The committee discussed what it believes the FY2016/2017 Annual Report should contain. Coop read a list of accomplishments at the farm during that period of time and the committee suggested some additional ones. Coop will prepare a draft document that includes the list and email it to members for their approval.

4) 1750 Farm House Maintenance

Ed reported that he had supplied the 1750 Farm House tenants with a year's supply of sediment and taste/odor filters. He will schedule to have the furnace cleaned and an electrical outlet installed in the kitchen.

5) Condition of Trails

Coop reported that the trails are in particularly bad condition owing to the number of tree limbs and branches that litter them. Many are slowly being removed by the hikers and

the trails may improve substantially during the spring, but Coop stated he will be unable to clean all the trails by himself.

Brian added that cutting overhanging trees that border the meadows must also be addressed this spring if not sooner.

6) Member Updates on Projects and Additional Items for Discussion

Nita reported that she has the names of several individuals who are interested in becoming members of the Hewitt Farm Committee.

Jack reported that during the past summer he planted five Missouri Mammoth Hickory trees that were donated to Hewitt Farm. He planted them in various locations and they could grow to 80 feet tall over a period of 20 years.

Ed engaged the committee in a review of the next meeting's agenda.

7) Priorities for February 12, 2018 Agenda

- *Draft FY2016/22017 Annual Report*
- *Discussion of committee goals for 2018*
- *Draft FY2018/2019 Budget*

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper