

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, June 25, 2018 at 4:30p.m.
New Town Hall Conference Room**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Chairman Ed Harasimowitz at 4:35p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Nita Kincaid, Tim Chokas and Deirdre Tavares. Bill Ricker, Mary Ann Ricker, First Selectman Mike Urgo and Town Administrator Christine Dias were also in attendance. Deirdre Tavares served as Recording Secretary.

1) Plans for pavilion structure

Chairman Ed Harasimowitz shared his thoughts on four potential locations for the pavilion. Each was discussed in detail, and it was decided the pavilion, 20ft x 40ft (800sq ft) should be located on the green, back near the trees in parallel with the stone wall as most of the activities are done at the top of the green.

Bill Ricker informed the committee that Don Hill explained you have to rid the designated location of organic material and he would be willing to test it by doing an accurate scraping with the current machine he has rented for Green Gables.

In order to utilize funds from the current fiscal year a commitment for the pavilion pad needs to be made by June 29th, 2018 the funds need to be spent before July 15th, 2018 and the work needs to be completed by mid-August, 2018.

Estimated cost is \$2,300 for cement and \$2,400 for labor, a total of \$4,700. To date, the Hewitt Committee has only spent \$288 on dog signs from the annual allotment. Money was raised for the pavilion at the "Party for the Parties", and a final amount will be communicated shortly.

Ed will discuss the pavilion layout with building inspector; however, the pad does not need to be inspected by a building inspector. Bill Ricker and Ed Harasimowitz will try and secure a contractor and sign a contract this week that will do the work over the coming weeks. Willy Barber who performed work on the Emergency Building could potentially do this work. Colored concrete was also discussed, potentially brown or stone colored concrete. Coloring the concrete would incur an additional expense, but the committee was favorable. Ed and Bill Ricker will inquire further.

The committee agreed to meet at Hewitt Farm that evening on the green to mark the layout of the pavilion.

A motion to approve the location of the pavilion on the green was passed.
A motion to proceed and create the foundation for the pavilion was passed.

2) Thank you notes for silent auction contributors

Ellie Banker suggested we send thank you notes to those who contributed to the silent auction during the "Party for the Parties" event which took place at Hewitt Farm on June 9th. Ellie drafted the thank you note; Deirdre will type it up on Hewitt Farm letterhead and send to Ed.

3) Priorities for July 2, 2018 Agenda

- Approval of Minutes of 5/21/2018 and 6/25/2018
- Election of Officers for Treasurer and Secretary Positions
- Remembrance of Coop
- Status of Pavilion Plans and Next Steps
- Greene Gables Schedule
- Update on 1750 Farm House
- Status of Dog Control Signs
- Care of Trails and Other Farm Chores
- Member Updates on Projects & Any Additional Items for Group
- Pubic Comments
- Date and priorities for Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deirdre Tavares