

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
New Town Hall Conference Room**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Chairman Ed Harasimowitz at 4:36 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present. Bill Ricker representing the group planning a town-wide party at Hewitt Farm on June 9th was also in attendance.

1) Approve of 03/12/2018 Meeting Minutes

Nita motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 03/12/2018 Meeting Minutes as presented.

2) Plans for a Town-wide Party

Bill Ricker shared pricing information on two pavilion designs that he did not have available at the time of his earlier presentation to the committee. The group questioned whether the price included the cost of installation and concluded it probably did not. Members discussed whether construction could be done less expensively but agreed it should concentrate on determining what type of design is needed, where it should be located, and how funding for it can be obtained.

Bill read a letter that he had drafted to describe the entire pavilion project. The letter includes a description of Hewitt Farm and its uses, why a pavilion is needed, and how the town intends to go about purchasing, installing, using and maintaining it.

Bill identified several possible sources of funding that he had found and asked the committee for approval to contact them. Committee members agreed that he and Chairman Harasimowitz should meet with one of the groups and an application for grant money should be submitted to the other. Bill will prepare and submit this application.

Committee members concluded the discussion by agreeing to focus on identifying the pavilion's design characteristics that will be needed to raise public interest in the project and to obtain the necessary funding.

3) Frisbee Golf Course Status

Ed asked the group to respond individually as to whether he or she thought a Frisbee golf course was appropriate for Hewitt Farm. After a brief discussion, the group agreed that in the absence of a map showing the proposed layout of the course, it did not know enough about the proposal to judge whether the farm would be affected.

The group will await receipt of a map before scheduling a field trip to the site.

4) Revised Dog Control Sign

Ed reported that he had shown a copy of the revised dog control sign to employees at STAPLES and was told each sign would cost between eight and ten dollars if it were made of corrugated plastic and considerably more if it were made of metal.

The group directed Ed to order 10 corrugated plastic signs for installation at the trail heads and parking lot entrances.

5) Member Updates on Projects & Any Additional Items for Discussion

Nita informed the group that newly appointed member Brie Casadei was unable to attend today's meeting but is planning to be at future ones.

Ed reported that he has submitted the Community Garden Association's check for this year's membership to the Treasurer's Office.

Owing to planned absence by several members, the committee agreed to cancel the next meeting scheduled for April 9 and meet again per schedule on April 23, 2018.

6) Priorities for April 23, 2018 Agenda

- Requirements for a pavilion
- Revised "Dogs under Control" signs
- Frisbee Golf Course Proposal
- Committee goals for 2018
- Update on town-wide party

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper