

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, April 23, 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 4:35 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Jack Brown, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present. Dick "Coop" Cooper served as Recording Secretary.

1) Approve of 03/26/2018 Meeting Minutes

Owing to the inability to distribute the draft 03/26/2018 Meeting Minutes before the meeting, the group agreed to review and approve them at the next meeting.

2) Revised Meeting Schedule

Ed announced that due to other commitments by several members and the lack of matters requiring urgent attention, the committee would henceforth meet only once a month. The present schedule of meetings will remain on file with the Town Clerk but the first meeting of each month will be routinely canceled by the Chairman unless it is necessary. Committee members will be notified of the cancellation by email and the public by traditional posting.

Ed also announced that all future Hewitt Farm Committee meetings will begin sharply at 4:30 p.m. and end on or before 5:45 p.m. The Group agreed.

3) Status of the Pavilion Project

Locating the newly proposed pavilion will be one of the most important decisions the committee will make on this project. Previous to the meeting, the committee considered four locations for it: (1) central near the western edge of The Green, (2) the site of The Cabin, (3) the site of Greene Gables, and (4) the pad next to the Corn Crib. At the meeting Nita suggested also considering the base of the bowl or Amphitheater, and the committee agreed.

To aid the committee in determining this location, Coop provided a checklist that would allow individual members to judge how well each of these locations satisfies the requirements of a **good pavilion**. The checklist includes a means whereby a member can score the pavilion's location for each requirement thereby producing a measure for comparing locations. Coop explained the checklist to the group and encouraged members to visit each site and envision how well it would satisfy the listed requirements.

Ed informed the committee that he and Bill Ricker would meet with the Stonington Rotary Club on April 27th to describe to them plans for the pavilion and why it is needed.

Jack reported that he had measured the pad next to the Corn Crib as 22' x 40'. The committee is considering using this pad as the platform for the pavilion. This led to a discussion on what size pavilion is appropriate for Hewitt Farm.

4) Dog Control Signs

Ed reported that he had investigated the possibility of having the new dog control signs made of plastic but that it is not a very durable material - certainly not worth the price. Ed stated that metal signs would be much better. The group briefly discussed where the signs would be installed and subsequently agreed to order ten (10) metal ones. Ed will do this.

The design of the sign will be modified slightly to improve its wording and appearance.

5) Greene Gables Update

Nita reported that progress is being made on the demolition of Greene Gables and that it is hoped that all work will be completed before the "Party with the Parties" event. The group discussed how the Community Gardeners will be able to access their area once demolition has begun. No answer was forthcoming.

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

Nita announced that Brie Casadei had informed her of other commitments, which will prevent her from attending future Hewitt Farm Committee meetings. She asked to resign from the committee, which will likely be approved by the selectmen.

With the resignation of Coop from the committee on 04/26/2018, this leaves a vacant **Member** seat and a vacant **Alternate Member** seat. Timothy Chokas and Dee Tavaras, both attending the meeting, expressed an interest in filling these two seats respectively. The committee agreed and asked Nita and the other selectmen to make the necessary appointments.

7) Priorities for May 21, 2018 Agenda

- Status of the Pavilion Project
- Dog control signs
- Frisbee Golf Course proposal
- Update on "Party with the Parties"

Respectfully submitted,
Richard B. Cooper, Recording Secretary