

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, September 11, 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 3:05 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve of 08/21/2017 Meeting Minutes

Ed motioned and Brian seconded to approve the 08/21/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Status of Town Meeting and Referendum for Greene Gables

Nita described the Board of Selectmen meeting that she and Coop had attended on September 6th. At that meeting, the board set Monday, September 18th as the date of a Town Meeting and Monday, October 2nd as the date of a Referendum to resolve the Greene Gables issue.

Nita also distributed copies of Frank Eppinger's information sheet dated April 11, 2017, a letter from Mr. Eppinger to First Selectman Murphy dated August 22, 2017, and a draft sheet of "Greene Gables Information" and "Chronology" that will be made available to the public at the September Town Meeting.

3) NOSTO FEST 2017 Participation

Ed reported on the progress of constructing the Light Map that will be exhibited by the Hewitt Farm Committee at NOSTO FEST 2017. Coop asked the group for a title to be placed at the top of the map. The group agreed on "EXPLORE HEWITT FARM." Coop will work with IT Manager Jim Russell to make the sign.

Ed stated that the map should be placed in a relatively shaded location so that the small LED lights are clearly visible. Nita stated that she will consider this when selecting the location.

Ellie suggested providing a photograph of the Corncrib and a sign-up sheet for individuals who might be interested in forming a volunteer "renovation party" to repair and stabilize it. Ellie will provide the words for the sign-up sheet. Coop will draft the sign-up sheet and provide a photograph of the Corncrib to go with it.

Ed asked what he needed to provide in addition to the Light Map. Coop suggested a card table and two or three chairs. Coop will send the group a list of items such as Trail Maps that will go on the table. Nita informed the group that Main Street will close to vehicular traffic at 11:30 a.m. All exhibits must be in place by then. Ed and Coop will man the exhibit. Ellie is committed to work at the Historical Society's dye house, Jack at his "Ketcheneny" exhibit, Nita is managing the fest, and Brian will be out of town.

4) Member Updates on Projects & Additional Items

Nita reported that the committee has received a \$100 donation from a local resident for use at Hewitt Farm. This is the second donation made by the individual and it is greatly appreciated by the committee. Nita will draft a thank you note to be sent from the group.

Nita also reminded the committee of the invitation from the Community Garden Association to attend their Annual Pot Luck get-together on September 30th.

5) Priorities for September 25, 2017

- Eagle Scout and other volunteer projects
- Lessons-learned from NOSTO FEST 2017
- Letterboxing Discovery Trail maintenance
- Issues relating to the Corn Crib

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper