

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 16, 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 3:02 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Ellie Banker, Brian Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approval of 09/25/2017 Meeting Minutes

Ellie motioned and Ed seconded to approve the 09/25/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Update on Greene Gables and Cabin Plans

Nita reported that First Selectman Shawn Murphy has done further research on what will be required to demolish both buildings given the hazardous materials at each site. Shawn is updating Nita and the other two Selectmen, as he evaluates the various options available to the town.

3) Future of the Corn Crib

Nita informed the group that she and her husband, Gary Kincaid, had inspected and photographed the Corn Crib. She distributed photographs and a report they prepared describing what was found, how Gary believed it had come about, and what he believed would be needed to bring the structure to a safe, stable, and presentable condition. The report concluded by recommending two initial steps: (1) set the Corn Crib more firmly in position and (2) put a new roof on it. The group discussed the report and thanked Gary for inspecting the structure and documenting the findings. More discussion is warranted regarding its possible use and how the needed work would be accomplished.

Ellie will check with Librarian Gladys Chase to determine if there are any old photographs of the Corn Crib beyond what the Historical Society has already made available.

4) Eagle Scout Projects

Coop reported that Nathan Cherenzia plans to start construction on his bridge project over the weekend of October 21st and 22nd depending on weather conditions. Ethan Wiggins is also ready to begin setting his information sign posts along That "Dam" Trail.

5) Member Updates on Projects & Additional Items

The committee discussed the future of the Light Map. Coop suggested making a modification to the pedestal that would enable it to be nestled up next to the town's Parcel Map that currently stands in the New Town Hall Conference Room. Librarian Amy Kennedy will be asked if the map can be displayed at Wheeler Library for a while.

Brian reminded the group that if he is to "brush hog" the 1750 Farm House Meadow, a number of trees along its border must be trimmed. The group agreed that in the absence of anyone who can do that, Brian should just get as close to the border as he can. He will be mowing in November. He will not re-mow the Greene Gables Meadow, which was done during the summer.

Jack asked the committee if he could place stone monuments that identify and show the locations of the bunny Patches. The group agreed.

Nita will purchase one or two spare Letter Boxes for possible use on the Letterboxing Discovery Trail. The Garden Club has obtained achievement buttons for people who complete the trail and are working on a way to get the buttons distributed.

Nita also reported that the picnic table that was misplaced following NOSTO FEST 2017 has been returned to Hewitt Farm.

6) Priorities for October 30, 2017

- Status of Greene Gables demolition
- Eagle Scout and other volunteer projects

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper