

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, September 25, 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 Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve of 09/11/2017 Meeting Minutes

Ed motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 09/11/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Town Meeting and Referendum for Greene Gables

Nita told the group that, with respect to the issue of whether or not the town should demolish Greene Gables, there is nothing the Hewitt Farm Committee can do until after the referendum. Committee members agreed. They also discussed the ramifications of different referendum outcomes with respect to their responsibility. The referendum will be held on October 1st.

3) NOSTO FEST 2017 Participation

The committee conducted a "lessons-learned" review of its participation in NOSTO FEST 2017 and it's use of the Light Map to instruct map-reading and promote visiting Hewitt Farm. The group also discussed possible uses for the Light Map following the FEST. Members expressed delight in the way the Light Map appeared and operated, and thanked Ed for the admirable job he did building it.

Nita described the activities of the day and reported that the chili contest was highly successful. Overall, organizers of the FEST were very pleased with its outcome.

4) Eagle Scout Projects

According to Nita, Ethan Wiggins is making good progress with his project and Ethan Smith still has much to do. Nathan Cherenzia has asked if he can use some of the split-poles stacked behind the 1750 Farm House. Jack stated he would like to help Nathan make that selection. Coop will arrange a meeting.

5) Member Updates on Projects & Additional Items

Nita gave all the Letterboxing Discovery Trail spare parts to Coop so he can make replacements when necessary.

Coop reported that only five picnic tables have been returned from the NOSTO FEST 2017 area. Nita will notify the Board of Selectmen's office.

Jack reported that he had cleaned the concrete pad in anticipation of the Community Garden Association's using it for their FALL POTLUCK get-together. Nita added that all members of the Hewitt Farm Committee have been invited to attend. The event will be held on Sunday, October 2nd.

Nita reported that she had sent a letter to the farm's most recent donor thanking her for her contribution.

Ellie asked Coop to place a sign on The Corn Crib asking for volunteers with carpentry experience who are willing to repair its condition.

6) Priorities for October 16, 2017

- Results of the Greene Gables referendum
- Eagle Scout and other volunteer projects
- Issues relating to the Corn Crib

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper