

**Town of North Stonington, CT**

**HEWITT FARM COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

**The Meeting was a Video Conference using Zoom.**

1. Call to order and attendance: Committee members Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid attended the entire meeting. Two other committee members attended for only portions of the meeting: Tim Chokas: 4:30 - 5:00 and Jack Brown: 5:00 - 5:30.
2. The lack of a quorum at the meeting meant that we discussed matters as a workshop and no votes were taken.
3. Town staff were Christine Dias (Finance and Administration) and Juliet Hodge (Planning, Development and Zoning Official).
4. Also, there were 2 members from Lothrop Associates LLP Architects, Robert Gabalski and Alex Stojkovic, and a Historic Building Consultant, Margaret Gaertner, all 3 of who had completed the analysis of the "Report of the John Dean Gallup House". This will be a valuable asset for our community. It will also provide a well-laid-out plan for moving forward on both the feasibility of the existing conditions, needs of the work to be done and ultimate uses for both the John Dean Gallup House and the Carriage House.
5. The Vice President of the North Stonington Historical Society, Dick Seager was also present, since the Society is interested in the buildings.
6. The purpose of this meeting was to review any questions on the draft of the 130 page document entitled "Report of the John Dean Gallup House". All attendees had received copies in advance.
7. The Town and the Hewitt Farm Committee will very soon be mailing this document to the State Historic Office (SHPO) in Hartford. SHPO funded the report with a \$20,000 grant given to the Town. This enabled us to hire Lothrop Associates to search for information, study the historic background as well as the details of the condition of the buildings and our site to produce a report that everyone has agreed will be extremely useful.
8. Gabalski, Stojkovic and Margaret did most of the explanations regarding new information found during their work. There was considerable discussion about the age of the various parts of both buildings and what might be the best uses. No definite uses were determined.
9. The workshop lasted almost one hour and the entire group agreed that the report was well-done and should be sent to SHPO very soon for their review.

Notes have been taken by Nita Kincaid.