

Town of North Stonington, CT
HEWITT FARM COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
The Meeting was held via Zoom

Approved Minutes

1. Call to order and attendance: E. Harasimowitz called the meeting to order at 4:42pm with an anticipated quorum, with the following members present:

E. Harasimowitz, T. Chokas, and N. Kincaid (joined at 4:51pm)

Members Absent: D. Tavares and B. Banker

Guests: Dick Seager, Sophia Anderson and Trey ? (Students)

Staff: Juliet Hodge, PDZO
2. Additions to the agenda: None
3. Approval of minutes: 11/09/2020. Minutes were accepted as written.
4. Wild and Scenic River Committee: E. Harasimowitz cleared up confusion about the signage placement and stated that a sign would be placed close to the stone wall so that it would be visible but wouldn't interfere with the mowing or launching of the kayaks. The sign will be 12"x18" on a 4x4 post – the same as the sign on Wyassup Lake. D. Seager will come up with a day to install the sign and let the Committee know.
5. Hewitt Farm Bi-Centennial Trail Project: No update
6. John Dean Gallup House: N. Kincaid gave the Committee an update on the upcoming public input session planned for Dec. 7th at 3pm via Zoom. An email will be sent out tomorrow to as many people as possible, and Mike Urgo will mention it in his weekly

update. J. Hodge will send an invitation to the Chambers, seCTer and the Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition as well.

Nita Kincaid also stated that she met with Mr. Armstrong, the mason who had blocked the chimneys in the Gallup House in 2012. Mr. Armstrong thought it might be possible to reopen the chimney in the Keeping Room, but needed to evaluate it further. N. Kincaid reported that the barn door had gotten loose and blown open. There was no damage and Mr. Armstrong got the door secured.

7. Process of Submitting Minutes in the Absence of Recording Secretary: J. Hodge will take minutes in the absence of the recording secretary and send them to her to distribute. The recording secretary will then send the draft to the committee members and the Clerk for posting. This topic will be brought up again when D. Tavares is present.
8. Member Updates on Projects and Additional Items for Committee- tree removal status:
No update. Ed has still not spoken to Ron Lewis. D. Tava sent another picture of additional downed trees. Committee not sure how to handle this. T. Chokas has cleaned up trees in the past but given the liability issue, he is hesitant. N. Kincaid will speak with the Selectmen about how downed trees should be removed from the trails. Another suggestion was to simply move the trail to go around the tree, and possibly put up caution tape to alert trail users of the potential danger.
D. Seager suggested setting up a daily rider on the town insurance policy to allow volunteers to go work on the trails for a day and be covered.
9. Public Comments: As N. Kincaid was not present initially, she was not able to add the following topics to the agenda, but wanted to discuss them briefly. N. Kincaid reported

that Mr. Doby (the father of the boys who put the benches along the trails at the farm) asked her to write a letter of recommendation for his son who is to receive an award. She also reported that a local 4H member wants to place a time capsule on the Hewitt Farm somewhere. It will be called The Arrow of Light Den Time Capsule.

10. Adjourn: Motion made and seconded (E. Harasimowitz/N. Kincaid) to adjourn at 5:20pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Juliet Hodge in the absence of the Recording Secretary.