

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 27, 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 3:07 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Dick "Coop" Cooper and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve of 03/13/2017 Meeting Minutes

Brian motioned and Ellie seconded to approve the 03/13/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Planning for CT Trails Day Participation

Nita read aloud from the Connecticut Forest & Park Association's Website, which describes the walk we plan to conduct on Sunday, June 4th as part of CFPA's CT Trails Day event. Our invitation to participate will be included in the brochure that CFPA publishes and distributes.

The group discussed how the walk would be conducted, who would lead it, and which of the projects at the farm would be showcased.

3) Approval of Community Garden Bulletin Board

The committee reviewed a proposal by the Community Garden Association to construct a bulletin board in the vicinity of the Community Garden. A written description of the sign had been included in the association's *2016 Year End Report* presented at the previous meeting. Nita stated that the Community Garden Association assured her the height of the sign and manner in which its doors open and close will be appropriate.

The group agreed that the Community Garden Association could proceed with erecting the bulletin board.

4) Status of Plans for Greene Gables and the Cabin

Nita distributed copies of two articles that will be appearing in the Spring 2017 issue of the *North Stonington Quarterly*. The articles, one submitted by the North Stonington Historical Society and one by the Hewitt Farm Committee, are intended to familiarize electors of the Town with the "Greene Gables issue" well in advance of the Town Meeting where they will be asked whether to demolish or save the structure.

Committee members discussed whether the selectmen's proposal to demolish the Cabin should also be included in the *Call of the Meeting*. Their decision was to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that both structures be addressed at the meeting but that two separate votes, one for Greene Gables and one for the Cabin, be taken. Nita will communicate this to First Selectman Murphy.

5) Member Updates on Projects and Additional Items for Discussion

The group briefly discussed the status of Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Garden Club, Community Garden Association and other volunteer projects.

6) Priorities for April 10, 2017

- Status of Town Meeting on Greene Gables and the Cabin
- Update on progress of Scout projects
- Work on the 1750 Farm House

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper