

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, February 12, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
New Town Hall Conference Room**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Chairman Ed Harasimowitz at 3:03 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present. Mike Coats was present to discuss with the committee the possibility of constructing a Frisbee Golf Course on Hewitt Farm. Ron Lewis and Mike Daniels, the farmers who lease the hay fields, and Steve Aiello and MaryAnn Ricker, representing the Community Garden Association also attended.

1) Approve of 01/22/2018 Meeting Minutes

Nita motioned and Brian seconded to approve the 01/22/2018 Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried.

2) Proposal to Construct a Frisbee Golf Course

Mike Coats, representing himself, described to the committee a proposal to construct a Frisbee Golf Course on Hewitt Farm. He asked permission of the committee to lay out the course by hanging colored ribbon at the location of each proposed cage. Once he has marked and walked the course, he will map it and attach the map to his *Project Application* form.

Mike asked the committee if he could attend its next meeting to present the Application and describe his project. The committee agreed.

3) Annual Report from Community Garden Association

Steve Aiello and MaryAnn Ricker, co-chairs of the Community Garden Association, distributed a copy of the association's *Year End Report for 2017*. MaryAnn read its summary aloud and the group discussed what had transpired over the year.

This was the fifth year that the garden has been in operation. It saw six new plots established and six new gardeners join the community. The association hosted a pot luck in the fall highlighted by dancing, music, good food and good fellowship. The association declared a very successful year and reported that it would be returning to the committee later in the spring to discuss some of its goals for the season.

4) Annual Report from Hay Field Farmers

Ron Lewis and Mike Daniels attended the meeting to present their *2017 Report* on the status of Hewitt Farm's four hay fields. Ron read from the report which listed highlights of the year and the farmers' plans for the next crop year. Ron stated that they made only two harvest cuttings this year owing to the very low yield of the second one. The first cutting, however, was very plentiful.

Ron noted that the Highway Department had mowed the gallery area behind the restaurant on two occasions during the summer and that both mowings were well done.

5) 2017 Annual Report

The group agreed to approve the *2017 Annual Report* and submit it to the Board of Finance. It was drafted by Ed and distributed by email earlier in the week. The group thanked him for an excellent job and an overall very informative document.

6) Deadfall Tree over Bicentennial Trail

Both Brian and Coop reported that a large oak which has fallen across the Bicentennial Trail behind the cemetery could be dangerous and should be removed as soon as possible. The large size of the tree probably warrants professional attention. Coop will provide Nita with hard-copy photographs to give to Highway Foreman Donny Hill.

7) 1750 Farm House Maintenance

Ed reported that he had talked to electrician Greg Roy about the installation a new circuit in the kitchen of the 1750 Farm House. He and Greg will meet at the tenant's convenience to establish a cost estimate and set a date for the installation.

8) Eagle Scout Projects

Nita reported that Ethan Smith will not be constructing a bulletin board on Hewitt Farm as his Eagle Scout Project. The committee thanks him for the interest he had shown to Hewitt Farm.

9) Priorities for February 26, 2018 Agenda

- Discussion of committee goals for 2018
- Deadfall Tree over Bicentennial Trail
- Alternate Member
- change of meeting time

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper