

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, November 13, 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 3:15 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Ellie Banker, Brian Banker, Jack Brown, Dick "Coop" Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve of 10/16/2017 Meeting Minutes

Ed motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 10/16/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) 1750 Farm House

The group discussed renewing the lease for the 1750 Farm House and appointed Ed to perform the pre-renewal inspection. Nita noted that there are normally 2 people who do the inspection and suggested that newly elected Selectman Bob Carlson who has a construction background might be willing to participate in order to learn more about the 1750 Farm House. Nita will make arrangements with him and the tenants for the inspection. Ed indicated that he would like to review the most recent copy of the lease to see if any changes should be made. Nita added that there is a young baby now living in the house and this should be added to the lease.

3) Greene Gables

Nita reported that the Board of Selectmen will likely move forward with the demolition of Greene Gables by hiring a professional management group to oversee the process of removing both hazardous and non-hazardous materials, and cleaning the area around the site.

Jack asked, "Where do we stand now?" Nita told him that First Selectman Murphy had issued a request for proposals and was waiting for bids to be returned. Most likely, no action will be taken until the new administration is in place.

Jack asked if, following demolition the quarried stones at Greene Gables could be retained by the Town for use elsewhere on the farm.

4) Eagle Scout Projects

Coop reported that Nathan Cherenzia's bridge project was completed during the weekend of October 28 - 29 and that Nathan and his team from Troop 71 did a very

professional job. The *Dew Drop Inn Trail* is now obstacle-free and the structure offers a beautiful view across the pond to the dam.

Ethan Wiggins has also installed all of the posts along *That "Dam" Trail* that will be used to hold placards describing the different species of trees along the trail.

5) 2018 Meeting Schedule

Nita showed the committee a tentative schedule for next year's meetings and stated that it may be necessary to move the meeting time to an evening instead of Monday afternoon. The group agreed to consider it. The schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

6) Member Updates on Projects & Additional Items

Ellie reported that Dick Blodgett was interested in meeting with the Hewitt Farm Committee at some time in the near future. Nita asked Ellie to invite him. Ellie indicated he is difficult to reach.

First Selectman Mike Uργο stopped by to visit with the committee and to introduce himself. The group showed him photos of the new footbridge and mentioned other similar projects that could be carried out at the farm.

The Garden Club expressed concerns over the expense of mailing reward buttons to individuals who complete the Letterboxing Discovery Trail. Committee members questioned how many mailings per year are involved and suggested that the cost could simply be considered the price of operating the trail.

7) Priorities for November 27, 2017

- 2018 Meeting Schedule and meeting time
- Status of Greene Gables demolition
- Eagle Scout and other volunteer projects

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper