

Town of North Stonington, CT
HEWITT FARM COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2013 at 3:00 p.m
New Town Hall Conference Room

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Nita Kincaid at 3:05 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick (Coop) Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz, and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve 05/20/2013 Meeting Minutes

Ellie motioned and Ed seconded to approve the 05/20/2013 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) NSGC Discretionary Funds application with focus on trail Signs

Nita began the discussion by describing the application process for obtaining money from the North Stonington Garden Club Discretionary Fund. Following that, Coop distributed a copy of a document he had written titled "Hewitt Farm Trail Signs: Design Considerations." The purpose of this document was to promote discussion among committee members over what trail sign design characteristics should be considered and how the process of replacement might take place. Coop also provided a brief history of how the current *temporary* signs got into place.

After much discussion, the group agreed to the following Action Items:

- a) Ed will work-up sample sign layouts on his computer and send them to Nita
- b) Jack will contact FASTSIGNS of Waterford to inform them of our project and ask them if they can help
- c) Nita will research the possibility of obtaining routed wood signs

2) Installation of "Rules and Regulations" signs

Nita will ask Highway Foreman Steve Holliday to erect the three "Rules" signs at the locations marked by highway cones.

3) Mowing Schedule for 2013

Nita distributed a proposed schedule showing mowing and weed whacking to be done on Hewitt Farm by the Highway Department, tenant and volunteers. The group agreed

with the schedule and Nita will finalize it for submission to Highway Foreman Steve Holliday.

The group then discussed other work that will need support by the Highway Department this year. Nita will produce a project list and accompanying map and submit it to Steve.

4) Community Garden status

Nita distributed a copy of the signed agreement between the Board of Selectmen, Hewitt Farm Community Garden Association, and Hewitt Farm Committee. The group remarked on their individual observations of favorable progress at the Community Garden site. The garden itself has been plowed, and the fence and center walkway are currently under construction.

5) Boundary markers behind Buon Appetito

Nita stated that she had given Nick the committee's recommendation to install green metal fence posts to define the gallery area behind the restaurant. Jack stated he could provide appropriate rope to hang between them if necessary.

6) Trailer parking off Cemetery Road

Over concern that there has been and may continue to be horse trailer parking in the hayfield area along Cemetery Road, the group asked Coop to install a sign requesting them to park on "The Green" instead. Coop will make the sign.

7) Request for Alternate Membership

The committee is in receipt from First Selectman Nick Mullane of a name of an individual who has expressed interest in becoming an Alternate Member of the committee. Co-chairs Nita and Coop will contact this individual and then determine next steps.

8) Results of participation in "CT Trails Day"

Coop briefly described what occurred on "CT Trails Day" in the form of a hike over the *Bicentennial Trail*. Regretfully, there were only two participants beside Nita and Coop, but all enjoyed a leisurely pace, much conversation and a very beautiful afternoon in the woods. For future reference - it takes exactly one hour to complete the *Bicentennial Trail* comfortably.

9) Tom Kane's Eagle Court of Honor

Nita briefly reported on Tom Kane's Eagle Scout ceremony which she, Ellie and Coop had attended. The committee is very grateful to Tom for the invitation to join him during this very important event in his life.

9) Status of Greene Gables

Again the group acknowledged its desire to meet with the Board of Selectmen and North Stonington Historical Society to discuss the resolution of Greene Gables. It was agreed that this meeting should take place as soon as possible after the Town Budget is adopted.

10) Public comments and questions

No members of the public were present.

11) Priorities for June 17, 2013 agenda

- Update on above items.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard B. Cooper