

Town of North Stonington, CT
HEWITT FARM COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 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 3:08 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 06/03/2013 Meeting Minutes

Ed motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 06/03/2013 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Discretionary Funds Application: Trail Signs

Nita showed sample signs, which Ed had drafted on the computer to demonstrate the different appearance of all upper case letters versus title case letters on a proposed "Bicentennial Trail" sign. Nita also showed pictures of trail park signs available on the Internet, which are made by routing the characters in wood versus painting them or attaching vinyl letters.

The group discussed various sign designs and materials at length. Nita also stated that Gary Kincaid has offered to make routed-character signs on red cedar provided the character height could be 2.25 inches. Coop requested a sample be done to determine if this size letter was appropriate.

Coop agreed to take an inventory of all trail signs on Hewitt Farm, and produce a list of these signs and a map showing their respective locations. He will also determine how many posts and stakes will be needed. Ed will make a full-scale mockup (actual size of the sign and characters) of several proposed signs to show what they would look like with different words and arrow directions. Ed will also research the price of red cedar boards and 4 x 4 inch posts. Nita will revise the Discretionary Funds Application to describe the committee's currently planned approach.

The group discussed whether it would be necessary to hold a Workshop to finalize the Discretionary Funds Application. It was concluded that the research described above could be completed and members contacted by phone or email to obtain their permission to submit the application.

Jack will communicate with his possible source to update progress on obtaining a Route 2 Entrance Sign.

3) Appointment of Alternate Member

Nita indicated that First Selectman Mullane had received a request from Cindy Faucher to possibly join the Hewitt Farm Committee. Nita told the group about the meeting she and Coop had with Cindy, and that Cindy was very interested in sharing historical information about Hewitt Farm. Flora and Fred Hewitt who donated Hewitt Farm were her great aunt and uncle.

After briefly discussing what Cindy had said, the group unanimously agreed to recommend her appointment by the BOS to the vacant Alternate position on the committee. Nita will author a letter to the board to that effect.

4) Ongoing Maintenance Issues

Nita reported on the maintenance schedule that had been provided to the Highway Department and noted that mowing of the Amphitheater area, edges of The Green, and Farm House Meadow very much need attention. She will continue to check in with the Highway Department and hopes they will be able to accomplish the work soon.

5) Community Garden Affairs

Nita delivered a brief report relating the income and expenditures of the Hewitt Farm Community Garden Association over the past month. Between May 24th and June 17th the association collected \$150 in plot rentals and received \$650 in donations. During this same period they spent \$555.41 in start-up expenses, primarily for fencing. In summary \$800 has been deposited in the Hewitt Farm account (identified as community garden) and \$555.41 has been with drawn, leaving a \$244.59 balance. The community garden area looks very nice and the group is off to a good start.

6) Public comments and questions

No members of the public were present.

7) Priorities for July 8, 2013 agenda

- Update on above items
- Discussion of goals for the remainder of 2013

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard B. Cooper