

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m**  
**Hewitt Farm Route 2 Parking Area**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Co-chair Nita Kincaid at 3:00 p.m. in the Route 2 Parking Area of Hewitt Farm with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick (Coop) Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz, and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve 05/04/2015 Meeting Minutes

Ellie motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 05/04/2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Walking Inspection and Discussion of Specific Areas of Interest on Hewitt Farm

The purpose of this meeting was to allow the committee to inspect various areas of Hewitt Farm that are in possible need of attention and to discuss the best way to administer this attention.

The group began at the Route 2 Parking Area where members examined and discussed the size and suitability of the space. They next walked to the Route 2 Entrance where they reviewed plans for the installation of the new Entrance Sign and landscaping.

The committee then walked along the western end of Hewitt Road observing and discussing plans for the future of The Cabin, and the possibility of constructing a retaining wall and paved approach-to-the-bridge apron.

Next, the group walked to Greene Gables, observed its condition, and discussed some possible future actions. Arriving at the Community Garden, members were impressed with the appearance and orderliness of the area and walked around the periphery of the meadow commenting on recent improvements to it.

Committee members next crossed the dam, observing its present operation and discussing what remains to be done in order to permit vehicular traffic. There they observed and talked about the condition of the Butterfly Garden and surrounding vegetation.

The group paid particular attention to certain aspects of the 1750 Farm House namely work that was performed in the past and work that still needs to be done. The site inspection concluded with a brief visit to the Pine Trees area where there is an ongoing effort to eradicate a number of invasive-species plants.

The group then returned to their vehicles in the Route 2 Parking Area and adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. ***A summary of findings and recommendations for action in the areas identified above will be forthcoming.***

3) Public Comments and Questions

No members of the public were present for the site inspection, except at one point the 1750 Farm House tenant approached the group to question when the bridge would be open to traffic.

4) Priorities for June 1, 2015 Agenda

- Findings and recommendations of May 18th's site inspection
- Finalize purchase of New Trail Signs
- Participation in CT Trails Weekend on June 7th
- Plans and communication for the Harvest Festival

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper