

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 5, 2015 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 3:06 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick (Coop) Cooper and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Critique of the Harvest Festival

Much of the meeting was spent continuing the discussion of the previous meeting re: lesson's-learned from the Harvest Festival event.

Nita stated that she had emailed a thank you note to those individuals and organizations that took part in the event. She noted a few participants indicated they did not know the event was being held in two different areas and she explained to them why it was done and how communications could be improved if such an event were held again.

Nita stated that photographer, Bruce Fellman, had taken many photographs and might make some available to the committee. She also informed the group that the materials used to bring electricity to the band had been disassembled and would be moved to the Town Garage for safe keeping and possible future use.

Nita showed the group a card that she proposed be sent to the Highway Department crew thanking them for the outstanding work they did in preparing Hewitt Farm for the Harvest Festival. The committee enthusiastically agreed.

2) Member Updates on Projects and Additional Items for Discussion

Jack asked if more bollards and rails are needed for the farm. Coop replied that they are much more effective than logs for preventing vehicles from driving on the hay fields, meadows, and Green; and another dozen or so could be used to make that replacement.

Nita reported that horse trailers were being parked on the West Hayfield along Cemetery Road, and that a better location had to be found. Brian and Ellie will measure the size of the area that the trailers require, and Coop will determine if that size space can be created at the parking area near the "Welcome" sign. Nita will contact the trailer owners to determine if parking in the "Welcome" sign area is acceptable to them.

Nita also noted that the rolls of hay cut during the summer still remain on the property. This will be brought to the hay farmers' attention when they next meet with the committee.

Jack asked that a sign be made suggesting visitors to the farm help in maintaining the stonewalls. The sign or signs would be placed nearby a stonewall in need of repair and would read "WANNA HELP? PUT A STONE OR TWO BACK IN THE WALL."

3) Letz Grant Letter of Intent

Nita read a letter from the Letz Foundation stating that the *Letter of Intent* request for funds to be used at Hewitt Farm had been denied. The committee thanked Nita and all other members of the group that had been formed to write the letter, for their hard work in developing the project proposed for the grant and in composing the request for the grant.

4) Planting of the Garden Club Oak Tree

Jack agreed to be responsible for periodically watering the Oak Tree through the winter months and will continue to monitor its growing condition.

5) Installation of Bat Houses

Coop agreed to seek professional advice on the best locations on Hewitt Farm for erecting the bat houses that were donated by the North Stonington Grange.

6) Priorities for October 19, 2015

- Installation of bat houses
- Parking area for horse trailers
- Status of festival-related correspondence
- Other festival-related business, if any

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper