

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**New Town Hal Conference Room**

The meeting of the Hewitt Farm Committee was called to order by Co-chair Nita Kincaid at 3:10 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Ellie Banker, Jack Brown, Dick (Coop) Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

Cindy Faucher was present for a few minutes before the meeting was called to order. Cindy had previously notified the committee that she would be moving out of the area and thus would be resigning from the committee. She had come to say goodbye to all. Members thanked her for her work while on the committee, particularly her contribution of history and family stories of the property during the time it was occupied by her relatives, Fred and Flora Hewitt. We wished her well in her new home and hope that she will continue to communicate with us about her Hewitt Farm research.

1) Approve 07/13/2015 Meeting Minutes

Ed motioned and Jack seconded to approve the 07/13/2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Status of Restaurant Parking Request

Nita reported that she had delivered the committee's memorandum to First Selectman Mullane detailing the desire for more information before a position on expansion of the parking lot can be determined.

Nita also noted that she had received a telephone call from The Day reporter to discuss an article written by the reporter that contained insufficient information about the parking issue. Nita sent the reporter a copy of the Hewitt Property Deed and a copy of former State Attorney General Blumenthal's letter about the covenants on the property.

3) Plans for the Harvest Festival

The group asked Coop to calculate the number of parking spaces available within the currently designated parking areas of Hewitt Farm. He will do so and report at the next meeting.

The group agreed that both the 1750 Farm House and the Greene Gables meadows should be mowed in their entirety prior to the Harvest Festival event. The party

responsible for doing this - the Highway Department or a volunteer – is yet to be determined.

Nita distributed a list of individuals and organizations that have so far agreed to participate in the event. She asked committee members to be thinking of any others to invite. Nita also stated that she has scheduled another meeting with Community Garden and Garden Club representatives to further discuss arrangements for the event.

The group discussed running an electric line from the Greene Gables structure to the area of the pad where musical entertainment is anticipated. Ed and Nita will investigate the best way to do this.

#### 4) Member Updates on Projects and Additional Items for Discussion

Jack suggested that a large “CLOSED FROM DUSK TO DAWN” sign erected at the Route 2 Parking Area might deter night parking and the problems associated with it. After discussion, the committee decided that such action was unnecessary at this time.

Jack also reported that water is running through the “drain hole” in the old spillway of the dam and he is curious to know if that is intentional. Nita will ask First Selectman Mullane.

The group discussed plans for erecting the “NORTH STONINGTON'S HEWITT FARM” entrance sign and who should be responsible for doing the work. Due to the close proximity of the sign to traffic, it was agreed that Coop would mark the locations where the posts should be set and the Highway Department would set them. Nita will inform Highway Foreman Steve Holliday of this request.

Nita stated that in September, she will purchase the native oak tree being donated by the North Stonington Garden Club. It will be prepared for planting before the Harvest Festival at the staked location east of the Community Garden, but far enough away from the garden so as not to shade it in the future.

#### 5) Trail Signs

Coop reported that he has received all the new trail signs that were ordered and that they are already mounted in their respective locations. He also said that Jeff Danforth, their manufacturer, had made a contribution to the committee of an additional “CANOE & KAYAK LAUNCH AREA” sign which demonstrates fonts that are larger than those on the trail signs.

The committee is very grateful to Mr. Danforth for his gift and for the very cordial association it has had with him over the past several years.

6) Priorities for August 10, 2015 Agenda

- Status of summer projects
- Plans for the Harvest Festival

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper