

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, August 22, 2016 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 3:00 p.m. in the New Town Hall Conference Room with members Brian Banker, Jack Brown, Dick (Coop) Cooper, Ed Harasimowitz and Nita Kincaid present.

1) Approve 08/08/2016 Meeting Minutes

Coop motioned and Ed seconded to approve the 08/08/2016 Meeting Minutes as presented.

2) Revising Event/Project Application Forms

Nita distributed copies of a revised *Hewitt Farm Event Application* and a newly drafted *Hewitt Farm Project Application* for review and discussion by the committee. She read each item on the forms, requesting committee members' comments on whether the questions would provide the information that is needed for committee approval of either an event or a project at the Hewitt Farm.

The group suggested a number of changes to the two forms and asked Nita to prepare final versions for the committee's use. It was recognized that receiving requests on the new forms would show us how well they work.

3) Naming a Tributary of the Shunock River

Coop distributed copies of a property boundary map prepared by IT Manager Jim Russell showing the streambed of the Shunock River tributary that extends from the winery, down Chester Maine Road and across the eastern portion of Hewitt Farm to connect with the Shunock River. Coop stated that he had found a need to identify this stream with a name so that it could be clearly identified in communications among committee members and on documents such as the written application each Boy Scout must submit for his Eagle Scout Project.

Coop asked the committee if he could approach the selectmen and ask them how to establish an official name for the stream. Committee members told Coop he could proceed, but they did not discuss a possible name for the stream.

4) Request for Expansion of Community Garden

Nita stated that she would look at various original documents to determine whether an increase in the Community Garden size would necessitate approval at a Town Meeting. There will be a need to request approval from the Board of Selectmen and she will notify Selectman Murphy that we would like to meet with them.

5) Buon Appetito Parking Area

Coop showed photographs he had taken of vehicles parked in Buon Appetito's newly constructed parking lot. The photos showed the vehicles parked in various ways. One was parked at an approximate 45-degree angle to the edge of the hayfield and entirely on the gravel surface as agreed-to by the restaurant's owner. The rest of the vehicles were parked either partially on the hayfield, at a 90-degree angle to the edge of the hayfield, or both. Coop also distributed a diagram showing dimensions of the aisle widths that he had measured behind each of the vehicles.

The group agreed to wait for the applicant's filing of the as-built Site Plan before discussing the issue any further.

6) Member Updates on Projects & Additional Items for Discussion

Coop stated that he had not seen much progress on the stone wall rebuilding "project", but reminded the group that the work was being done on a very informal basis and that the committee did not consider this to be a major project.

Coop showed photographs of the rails and bollards that Jack and Brian had stacked behind the 1750 Farm House. Jack offered them to Eagle Scout Candidates Jason Miner and Nathan Cherenzia for their footbridge projects. Coop will telephone the Scouts and inform them.

7) Priorities for September 12, 2016

- Ramifications of the FY 2016/2017 Budget Action
- Procedure for Expansion of the Community Garden
- Naming a Tributary of the Shunock River

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper