

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

**WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Monday, March 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.  
New Town Hall Conference Room**

The workshop 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. Mary Ann Ricker representing the Community Garden Association was also present.

1) Annual Meeting with the Community Garden Association

Mary Ann Ricker distributed copies of the Community Garden Association's *Year End Report for 2016* and read its summary aloud to the committee. She also described a proposal by the association to install a bulletin board for posting Community Garden information. The bulletin board would be enclosed by two transparent doors to prevent exposure of its contents to the weather. The doors were donated to the association.

The Hewitt Farm Committee discussed the proposed design of the bulletin board and where it would be located. A decision by the committee on permitting the sign will be finalized at the next Regular Meeting.

The Community Garden Association's report was accepted and the Hewitt Farm Committee commended Mary Ann and her group on a very successful year.

2) Plans for CT Trails Day

Nita explained to committee members why the original idea of leading a Letterboxing walk at the farm on CT Trails Day would not "work." She explained that Letterboxing cannot be performed by a single large group of people and that trying to do it with numerous smaller groups would prove unmanageable. Nita suggested that instead, the walk be used to showcase where Eagle Scout and other volunteer projects were performed in the past and are being planned for the future. Everyone agreed!

Nita will compose and submit a description of the walk to the Connecticut Forest and Park Association for inclusion in its *CT Trails Day* brochure.

3) Status of Plans for Greene Gables and the Cabin

Nita reported that First Selectman Shawn Murphy had told her the Board of Selectmen will be obtaining estimates for the cost of demolishing three structures in town, two of which are Greene Gables and the Cabin. The Board of Selectmen will then schedule a Town Meeting for the purpose of asking electors if either of these two structures should be razed.

4) Priorities for March 27, 2017

- Approval of Community Garden Bulletin Board
- Update on Eagle Scout projects
- Work on the 1750 Farm House
- Status of Greene Gables and the Cabin

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper