

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 8, 2017 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 3:01 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. Ethan Smith and his mother Colleen arrived at approximately 4:00 p.m. to present his proposed Eagle Scout Project to the committee.

1) Approve of 04/24/2017 Meeting Minutes

Ellie motioned and Ed seconded to approve the 04/24/2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

2) Work on the 1750 Farm House

Nita reported that she had received a call from contractor Gene Anderson who was working on the 1750 Farm House. He informed her that the kitchen sink drainpipe was leaking into the basement. Nita will contact the plumber who usually does Hewitt Farm's work to determine what repairs are necessary.

The group discussed what damage the carpenters had found during their work and what repairs they have accomplished to date. Gene Anderson has recommended the installation of a storm door and roof gutters in the repaired area. Nita informed him that the committee would like to see both of these made in a manner that would be appropriate to the architectural style of the period. Gene informed her that work is on schedule and that he is pleased with the progress that's been made.

3) Status of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip

Nita distributed copies of the completed *Event Application* submitted by Jen Welborn in anticipation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed how the event would be conducted. Nita said, "there will be goats."

Coop will lead whatever number of walks is necessary to accommodate the whole 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. He will follow "That 'Dam' Trail" starting at the dam and ending at the "Welcome" sign picnic table for snacks. Coop invited all committee members to join in.

4) Status of Picnic Area Project

Nita reported that she had not recently heard from Nicole Gagnon about the Girl Scout Troop's interest in constructing the picnic area. Nita will reconfirm whether the troop is still interested in the project or whether the committee should offer it to another party.

5) Ethan Smith's Eagle Scout Project

Using the *PowerPoint* computer program, Eagle Scout Candidate Ethan Smith presented his proposal for the construction of an outdoor bulletin board to be installed in the vicinity of the Butterfly Garden. His presentation showed a photograph of the proposed sign, an engineering drawing of its design, and a "parts list" with estimated prices.

Upon seeing Ethan's proposed design, the committee recognized that the size of the sign would far exceed what is actually needed. Using a White Board that was located in the Conference Room, Ethan and committee member Ed Harasimowitz measured out and demonstrated what size and height of the bulletin board would be best for use on Hewitt Farm. Those dimensions (more or less) are as follows:

- Display area 4' x 4'
- Bottom of display area 3' above the ground
- Bottom of roof eaves more than 6' above the ground.

Committee members were very impressed with Ethan's presentation and agreed unanimously to approve his proposal provided it is changed to the newly agreed-to dimensions. The use of 4" x 4" pressure treated posts is acceptable as is the use of asphalt shingles on the roof.

6) Priorities for May 22, 2017

- Work in the 1750 Farm House
- Update on progress of Scout projects

Respectfully submitted, Richard B. Cooper