

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
January 8, 2014

Present: Regular Members: Carol Baird (Chair), Annemarie Inman (Selectperson Representative), William Gard, Linda Roth

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent and excused: Amber-Rose McIntyre (Vice Chair), Nikki DeSantis (Liaison, Danville Elementary School)

The meeting was called to order by Carol at 7:37 p.m. and was untelevised.

Draft Minutes of November 13, 2013

The draft minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed and amended. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft Minutes of December 11, 2013

The draft minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed and amended. Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Bill seconded the motion. Annemarie abstained. Carol voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mail/Announcements

- Per Carol, Bob Pothier's father passed away before Christmas. She sent a card to Bob on behalf of the Heritage Commission and he sent a holiday card to the Commission.
- A letter was received from David Allen from Kentucky who is researching his family tree. He descended from the Eastmans. He went online and traced back to his great, great grandmother back in the time period 1800-1873, and he has asked Heritage for assistance in getting her marriage record and/ or death certificate. She had lived in Hawke. Per Carol, Heritage does have a book with vital statistics. She will look at it and bring any helpful information she finds to the next meeting. Mr. Allen also said he would be glad to offer a contribution to the Heritage Commission. When Carol responds to him she will advise that if he wants to make a contribution he could make it to the Heritage Fund.
- A folder labeled "HC Correspondence" was left by someone which contained Heritage Commission correspondence to Betsy Sanders going back to 1998, an opinion on the town forest, Historic District minutes in 1998, and minutes by Jack Howland regarding annual Old Meeting House meetings, which Carol gave to Bill. Carol will file this folder away.
- A new issue of *New Hampshire Town & City*. Carol saw in it nothing pertaining to heritage commissions.
- A notice regarding a regional meeting of heritage and historic commissions in Stratham on April 12, 2014. Carol reminded all that last spring she attended one of these meetings which took place in North Hampton, NH, and she enjoyed it and said it is a great opportunity to network.

DISCUSSION

1. Red School House Repairs

Carol recited the history that the Selectmen had contacted David Collins regarding his prioritized list of work to do on the Red School House to be put into the 2013 budget. The Budget Committee had only approved some items on his list. Dave had begun his work on those approved items but recently discovered some new repairs that need to be made, as well as an insect problem. He contacted the Selectmen and said it does not make sense to finish with the old work before the new repairs are done. He gave the Selectmen a cost estimate for the new work. The 2013 budgeted money has been encumbered as he was already in the process of finishing. The sheathing work and the roof will come from the 2014 budget. A letter was received from the Board of Selectmen asking the Heritage Commission if they are interested in monitoring the Red School House.

Carol told the Selectman's administrator that Peter Meigs has always monitored the Red School House and Heritage has no access to it. She also explained that the Heritage Commission is an advisory board and that would not be included in the Heritage Commission's functions under the statute. The reason Heritage got involved with monitoring the Stagecoach Stop was the town did not want to accept the building as a gift unless the Heritage Commission could help. The Selectmen have asked Heritage to oversee the Stagecoach Stop and Red School House ongoing into the future, which Heritage is able to decline, as it would be on a voluntary basis.

Carol asked the board if they want to take this project on and if a Stewardship Plan should be done similar to that done for the Stagecoach Stop. Bill suggested we should do it with the understanding that doing it is voluntary and if we can aid, but we are not responsible for legal or financial maintenance. Linda suggested having the Stewardship Agreement tweaked for the Red School House but similar to that of the Stagecoach Stop. She would be fine with it if so, in order to define our responsibility and/or intent clearly. All members were in agreement that the Heritage Commission should play a role in the oversight of the Red School House and the Stagecoach Stop on continuing basis.

Carol suggested also putting together an annual monitoring checklist for the Red School House similar to that of the Stagecoach Stop. Carol expressed concern as to how far Heritage's involvement would go. Annemarie said she thought it would be team work.

Annemarie will report this to the Board of Selectmen and tell them of the Stewardship Agreement and report back to the Heritage Commission.

2. State Register Listing

Per Carol, Amber-Rose was working on the application for the Red School House. She also has the bulletin board project to do. Amber-Rose will be asked about it at the next meeting and to see if she needs help.

Linda said she will work on the Town Pound application as well and ask for help at the next meeting if necessary.

3. Webster Stagecoach Stop & Store

Carol read her letter to Amy asking about security lights being placed on the front and each side of the building, and gave her a link so she could see them. Amy wrote back with thanks, and said safety and security are a good choice and there is no problem with the product we chose.

Carol announced the 2013 final budget purchases totaled \$149.65. The purchases consisted of a leather guest book, an archival storage bin, one poster frame, motion detector lights, batteries, and interior lights.

4. 2014 Projects

Carol pointed out the 2014 projects listed on the agenda are good goals except for the Tuckertown Road rangeway possibly. Carol is going to put together a list of people to invite to the Stagecoach Stop opening.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK

Amended/Approved on _____ by majority vote of the Commission.

Next Meeting: regular meeting on January 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.