

**Heritage Commission  
Danville, NH  
Minutes of September 10, 2014 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Carol Baird (Chair), Bill Gard (member), Mary Ann DiStefano (member), Linda Roth (member), Annmarie Inman (Selectperson Representative)

**Absent & Excused:** Aamber-Rose McIntyre (alternate member), Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The meeting was televised.

Carol asked for a Moment of Silence to remember Paul Collins, who did some restoration work on the Meeting House and Little Red School House and Bruce Anderson who removed some trees where the Webster Stagecoach Stop now sits. Both men passed recently and will be missed. The Moment of Silence was honored.

**Draft Minutes of August 27, 2014**

The draft for the Minutes of August 27, 2014 were not available. A motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Linda Roth to defer the minutes until the next meeting. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Mail/Announcements**

Butch Sanborn sent pictures to the Danville Heritage Commission (DHC) of Bruce Anderson and 2 packets of photos from the Webster Stagecoach Stop move. Also included was a 1975 report from the Early Sites Research Society on the Beehive Hut stating that there is no conclusion as to what was its purpose. It is too small for a drover shelter. The report will be stored in the Heritage Commission's file on the Beehive Hut. Carol added that the photos need to be looked over and photos that we do not have should be added to the photo albums that are stored in the trunk in the Stagecoach Stop. She added the plastic bin purchased to store the photos fits well in the trunk and is working to keep them safe. She suggested we pick a date to organize the newly acquired photos.

**Discussion**

**1. Opinion Letter to Planning Board- Building at 227 Main Street**

Carol distributed an opinion letter she drafted to the Planning Board in regard to the building located at 227 Main Street. The letter emphasizes the hope that a plaque would be placed on the property noting it was the homestead of Ephraim Page, one of the 27 men who built Danville's Meeting House in 1755 which was later donated to the town. She also noted in the letter that Robert Pothier, Jr. of First Period Colonial Restoration of Kingston NH, inspected the building and agrees the building cannot be saved. And that at the last DHC meeting Robert

Meaney and David Drowne of KDRM, LLC met with this commission regarding the historical significance of the building and agreed to place some type of plaque on the property. She included the offer of the DHC to help with recommendations for a plaque vendor and/or wording of the memorial. Lastly the letter included concerns by Mr. Meaney and Drowne's for the protection of the memorial and noted the commissions suggestion that a note could be added to the plan and a note in the deed for future owners. A motion was made by Mary Ann and Seconded by Annmarie that the letter be presented to the Planning Board as written. The motion carried unanimously.

## **2. 2015 Budget Proposal- Selectman to Review on Oct. 13, 2014**

Carol distributed a copy of the DHC 2014 budget for reference. Linda suggested including monies for more Webster Stagecoach Stop and Store pamphlets and asked that an estimate for the pamphlets be obtained to insure enough money is available. Under the mileage for educational seminars, which are mostly out of town, the amount now allowed by the IRS was checked by Annmarie and is presently at 50.56 cents/mile. It was asked that prior budgets be checked for the cost of school related projects. Carol explained that the publication/research amount is for the Annual Planning and Land Use Regulation Handbooks from the Rockingham Planning Commission. This is purchased annually by the DHC. Annemarie explained the amount budgeted for the Secretary/clerk of the commission is determined by Board of Selectman (BOS) based on length of service and experience. Carol noted that the line item for Membership fees and Workshops was \$100.00 This needs to be increased. This year the annual fee to the Preservation Alliance was \$50.00 alone. This leaves little for training courses. Annemarie suggested including a slight increase in the proposed budget in case an extra unexpected expense arises. The DHC members agreed that no discussion would be made on the budget at this meeting so that members have time decided if other items need to be included in the budget.

Carol also mentioned that we need to know our budget balance for the DHC, as we have not seen one since June.

## **3. Stagecoach Stop**

### **• Window Restoration Work:**

Carol commented that she was at the Stagecoach stop the day before the meeting. Mr Stephen Decatur has replaced the transom window and it looks great. The original window could not be put back together, but Mr Decatur left pieces of the old glass in a display box with a note for us to keep. The bill for his work has been sent.

### **• Thank You Letters:**

Carol presented copies of letters she wrote for Hannaford (\$25.00 gift card), Tony at Market Basket (cake), East Coast Lumber (Lumber for Honor Board), Dave Boyd (Honor Board) and Paul Boyd (PowerPoint Presentation) for contributing to the Stagecoach Stop and Store Honoree Celebration. The DHC board members approved of the letters. After reading the letters the members approved that they be sent. Carol then read a letter she composed for Bob Pothier. The letter was approved and signed by each member of the commission. Linda reported that Mary Gilmette (?sp) expressed an interest in joining the DHC. She will talk with

her to let her know what it entails and responsibilities included and to clarify that we are a heritage commission not historical social group.

- **Celebration Receipts:**

Carol asked that all receipts for items purchased for the celebration be submitted by Thursday.

- **Door Repair:**

(No Silicone per Bob) Use adhesive caulk-gray, white or clear.

Carol spoke to Bob Pothier about the split in the side door. He said that DHC member or he could do it. It was agreed that he should do it, but if he does not have time then we will have to do it.

- **Door Painting:**

(Opposing Opinions; Use UV protection paint when ready)

Bob Pothier noted the outer Victorian door is fading. He noted the UV protected paint defuses the direction of the sunlight. Bob Pothier said to let the threshold board weather over time before staining.

- **Wrapping Up Building and Contents for Winter Months:**

Carol discussed the need to wrap books and other perishable items in plastic bin in trunk. More mice repellent (Fresh Cab) needs to be bought for about \$20.00. Charcoal briquettes were placed in the building to eliminate the musty odor. It seems to be working well. Carol suggested buying core board for redoing some of the informational poster boards. She has covered all posters in plastic. The core board is sturdier than poster board. Carol then asked the commission members if she should keep the key to the Stop in her possession. There is also one in the town hall. It was agreed she should have it in case it is needed and the town hall is closed. Carol added that sadly Amy Dixon from the Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is leaving soon. She will be working for the NHDHR. Carol then told the members that in the near future the commission should set up a schedule to inspect all buildings regularly.

#### **4. State Register Listing-Little Red Schoolhouse & Town Pound** **(next meeting)**

Carol announced that the state registry listing paperwork is for the Little Red School House is partially done. Linda noted hers was not completed either.

#### **5. 2014 Projects:**

1. State Register Listing-Town Pound and Red School House - This is ongoing.
2. Trail Blazing Work-West Side of Tuckertown Rangeway Walking Trail - (Eagle Scout Project) Carol will call Caleb to check on his progress with the project.

#### **6. Future Projects:**

1. Site visit - Gabrielle's house
2. Halloween hike - Tuckertown Road -It was noted that this would take lots of planning and budgeting.

Carol mentioned a few of the comments that the DHC received during the Stagecoach Stop celebration. Nancy Mayville from the Engineering section of the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) "could not be happier" with what the DHC and the town did with the small fund from the state for the project (the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance).

Carol announced that after the State Register Listings and Walking trail is completed our goals for 2014 will be completed.

**7. Adjournment:**

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. Annemarie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**MINUTES PREPARED MARY ANN DISTEFANO**

**Amended/Approved on September 24, 2014 by majority vote of the Commission.**

**Next meeting: September 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**