

**Heritage Commission  
Danville, NH  
Minutes of July 23, Meeting**

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

**Also Present:** Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

**Absent & Excused:** Aamber-Rose McIntyre (alternate member), Annmarie Inman (Selectperson Representative)

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was televised.

**Draft Minutes of July 9, 2014**

The draft minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed and amended. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Linda seconded the motion. Bill abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mail/Announcements**

There was no mail or announcements.

**Discussion**

**1. Vice Chair**

Bill was nominated as Vice Chair at the last meeting in his absence. Tonight Bill said he appreciates the nomination, but has to decline, as he is trying to wind down. Mary Ann made a motion we regretfully accept Bill's resignation as Vice Chair. Linda seconded the motion. Bill abstained. The motion passed unanimously. Linda suggested that Heritage should try to fill the alternate position as a back-up to its current members. There are two open alternate positions. Carol pointed out the board went from a seven member board to a five member board due to quorum issues. Mary Ann nominated Linda Roth as Vice Chair. Bill seconded the motion. Linda accepted the nomination. Linda abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Heritage Commission Email**

This was brought up at the last meeting in connection with invitations to the Stagecoach Stop's grand opening. The question was whether to use Linda's email address or have an account set up with the town. Carol had concerns about setting up a town account and called Annemarie about it. Per Carol, this falls under the "Right to Know" law, whether town business should be conducted by email, as it is not in the public's view. Each email received or responded to must be printed and put into a binder per the "Right to Know" law. Carol further pointed out that the Heritage Commission is a land use board and applications can be submitted for review under the Historic District Ordinance or a 91A request for information can be made, or something else which carries a certain deadline which could be missed between board meetings. Everyone agreed to nix the town email account idea. Carol will set up a temporary email account for the event which will be: stagecoachevent@gmail.com.

### **3. Stagecoach Stop & Store Grand Opening**

Per Carol, the invitations should arrive tomorrow and she will get stamps. Mary Ann offered to help put the labels on, which Linda printed. Carol queried as to how to invite people who were involved with the project but no longer work for a particular agency, such as Carol Murray, Commissioner of DOT. All other representatives from DOT who helped were invited. It was decided that the invitations will be sent to the current person working for the agency in that capacity, and the ones who were involved with the project but no longer working there will be listed on the honor board. The governor will be invited as well, as she was very helpful in restoring the LCHIP funding. Carol suggested also including on the honor board Donald Boyle who donated things (now deceased), Don Kominski, Walter Baird, other town volunteers, and Selectmen (past and present) who helped with the project.

Carol has been cleaning up and indexing all Stagecoach Stop papers, etc. in notebooks to be kept at the town hall.

In the next couple of weeks the names and titles of honorees need to be given to Mary Ann for the honor board. Carol and Mary Ann will get together and coordinate this. Mary Ann will bring a preliminary draft of the honor board to the next meeting.

The event will honor those involved in the project from 1-2 p.m. and the public will be invited from 2-4 p.m. Food will be served for the first hour.

The restroom availability has not been confirmed yet.

Tables and tents will be set up on Bill's property for the refreshments. Bill asked if the town would give him a general hold harmless agreement to cover everything. Everyone agreed it is a good idea. Carol will ask Annemarie to discuss this at the next Selectmen's meeting which is scheduled to take place a week from next Monday.

Mary Ann offered to take on advertising the event. She had emailed Chronicle, but got no response yet. It was noted that Fritz Weatherby was at the Stagecoach Stop last week. It is unknown as to why he was there. He just showed up. Mary Ann will draft something for the next meeting to be given to the cable company, newspapers, and to be posted at the town hall.

Paul Boyd is still working on putting together a slide show. Mary Ann and Carol sent him many links with information.

Linda got the chalkboard paint. Bill and Mary Ann will try to find a frame for a chalkboard to be used.

Regarding the cider, paper goods, and cake, Mary Ann approached the manager at Market Basket in Epping who said they will make a donation. On the cake that Market Basket will donate will be a picture of a stagecoach and the wording: "It is time to honor you." Mary Ann also approached Hannaford's who said they would give a gift card rather than a donation. Mary Ann drafted a form which she will bring to the next meeting for review after she makes corrections to it. Linda made a motion that after she makes the corrections Mary Ann brings the form to Hannaford's. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion took place about how to organize and display things in the store such as newspaper articles over the years (of which there are many), the guest book, and the slide show. Bill will bring the recent newspaper article to the next meeting. Carol found at the

Haverhill Public Library a postal history of New Hampshire and Nathaniel Webster was listed on it from 7/9/1825 to 8/5/1836 which will be included.

Bob Pothier told Carol that there used to be two bars that went across each window on the store side and he does not know where one of them is now, but they were used as a deterrent, and that is why there are two holes in the window frames.

#### **4. Old Home Day**

Carol announced that Peter Meigs got the Hawke Historical Society box of memorabilia for Old Home Day.

Linda forgot to bring her dresses for the period of time but will bring them to the next meeting, as some members may want to wear them on Old Home Day.

#### **5. State Register Listings**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

##### **1. Adjournment**

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE HERITAGE  
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BECOME PERMANENT.**

**MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS**

**Amended/Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 by majority vote of the Commission.**

**Next meeting: August 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

