

**Heritage Commission
Danville, NH
Minutes of March 11, 2015, Meeting**

Members Present: Carol Baird (Chair), Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member), Annemarie Inman (Selectperson Representative)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent & Excused: Aamber-Rose McIntyre (alternate member)

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was televised.

Carol noted for the record that the meetings of January 28, 2015 and February 11, 2015 were cancelled due to the weather and the meeting of February 25, 2015 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Draft Minutes of January 14, 2015

The draft for the Minutes of January 14, 2015 was reviewed and amended. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mail/Announcements

- In the January 14, 2015 meeting minutes it was noted that Robert Adams, an architect from Shirley, MA, was to meet with Chris Stafford on April 18, 2015 for a tour of the Meeting House and the Stagecoach Stop. This date has been cancelled and not rescheduled yet.
- A note was received from Bill Gard addressed to the Heritage Commission thanking them for their gift of gratitude to him for being on the Heritage Commission board for so many years.
- Joan Keezer from Myrtle Beach sent the Heritage Commission several old postcards of Danville. Her grandmother and father, Sadie Carter Keezer and Carter D. Keezer, had lived in Danville. One had a photograph of the Homestead Farm on Beach Plain Road in North Danville dated 1906 and another was of the Old Meeting House on Old Home Day, August 25, 1929. Another was of the Little Red Schoolhouse built in 1834 also known as the Center School. Carol will file the postcards away upstairs. Carol will send Joan a thank you letter.
- The man who had previously requested historical information and who had donated \$100 to the Heritage Commission inquired about more information on the Eastman family. Carol looked in the vital statistics book (which belongs to the Heritage Commission) and in issues of *Reminiscences*, (a Hawke Historical Society Publication) and found some articles and scanned and emailed them to him. He had

previously inquired about his great, great, great grandfather and now he is going back one more generation and Carol found out he is buried in Blake Cemetery.

- Lorraine Peterson sent correspondence looking for information on the Keyes Family in Danville. Carol did research on deeds in Rockingham County and the vital statistics book and could not find anything so she referred her to Kingston.
- A notice from the New Hampshire Office of Planning & Energy to municipal land use boards regarding an OEP Spring Planning and Zoning Conference scheduled for May 2, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. Carol had previously complained to the Office of Energy & Planning that there were no such local events. They invited Carol to speak but she may not be available so she declined. Carol passed around the information. The Heritage Commission can pay the fee and for mileage. The deadline to register is April 23. Attendees must pick a track and it is preferred they register online.
- A notice from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance regarding a statewide historic preservation conference scheduled for April 17, 2015 from 8:30 to 4:30 at the Concord Auditorium in Concord, NH. The deadline to register is April 1. The fee is \$50 for a member.

Discussion

1. Mary Ann DiStefano – Term Renewal

Carol asked Mary Ann if she would like to renew her term for a three year membership and she answered in the affirmative. Carol explained that the Board of Selectmen are the appointing authority and the procedure is for Heritage to forward a letter of recommendation to them. Linda made a motion that we send a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending that Mary Ann's term be renewed for three years. Annemarie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mary Ann abstained.

2. Amendments – State Register Listing – Little Red Schoolhouse

Per Carol, Heritage was notified by the New Hampshire Division of Historic Places that the Little Red Schoolhouse was eligible for listing on the state register but certain points on the application needed to be redone in accordance with the guidelines. Carol changed her answers to numbers 41, 44 and 46 and passed out her amendments to all. Carol explained the standards require that the building must be associated with a significant person, of significant architecture, or significant to the history of the town. Carol discussed that the school was one of three of the first public schools in Danville. In 1834 the town voted to establish three schools in three areas of town (north, south, and central) so schooling would be available to all children in town. This makes the school of significant history to the town. Everyone was in agreement with Carol's amendments and that Carol and email these amended sections back to the NHDHR before sending the complete packet. Carol has lots of interesting facts from her research on the town's schools which she will place upstairs at the town hall.

3. Stagecoach Stop & Store Brochure

Mary Ann brought samples in black and white and also in color. Everyone agreed to do a trifold type of brochure. A link to the website can be added so people can get more information there. Bookmarks may also be done. Mary Ann made a motion that Carol

91 send us any information we can look through to consider for our trifold and/or bookmark.
92 Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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94 Per Carol, a couple of people asked for information obtained on the Stagecoach Stop and
95 what its use was and its roots. Carol clarified that it was never a place where people who
96 traveled long distances stayed overnight. It was a rural occasional Stagecoach Stop, per
97 Jim Garvin, formerly of NHDHR, on a route where people stopped in need of repair, got out
98 to stretch, got refreshments and water for their horses, and also got their mail. The building
99 is significant because it is one of the last surviving buildings of that kind in the state of New
100 Hampshire.
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102 **4. Future Projects:**
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- 104 • Check up walk – Tuckertown Rangeway walking trail (April/May)
- 105 • Trail blazing work – west side of Tuckertown Rangeway walking trail (Eagle Scout
106 Project)
- 107 • Site Visit – Gabrielle's House
- 108 • Halloween Hike – Tuckertown Road
- 109 • Stage Register Listing – Town Pound
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111 **5. Adjournment:**
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113 Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Linda seconded the motion and
114 it passed unanimously.
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117 **DRAFT MINUTES ARE NOT A PERMANENT RECORD AND ARE SUBJECT TO**
118 **AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE HERITAGE**
119 **COMMISSION, AT WHICH TIME THE MINUTES, AS AMENDED AND APPROVED,**
120 **BECOME PERMANENT.**
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122 **MINUTES PREPARED LAURIE J. CREVATIS**
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124 **Amended/Approved on _____, 2015 by majority vote of the Commission.**
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126 **Next meeting: March 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**
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