

**Heritage Commission
Danville, NH
Minutes of April 13, 2016 Meeting**

Members Present: Carol Baird (Chair), Judi Cogswell (Selectperson Member), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member), Michele Boyd (Alternate)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent & Excused: Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Aamber-Rose McIntyre (Member)

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was televised. Carol appointed Michele as a voting member for the purposes of this meeting in the absence of Linda Roth.

Draft Minutes of March 23, 2016

The draft minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Carol seconded the motion. Judi abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail/Announcements

- An acknowledgement was received from the town's treasurer for a receipt of the \$200 incentive check that LCHIP sent to Heritage which was agreed to be deposited into the Heritage Fund; the account's balance was not given. Carol checked the town report and the year-end balance was \$906.40 so with this check the Heritage Fund's balance is now \$1,106.40.
- An old wooden sign bearing the name "Nathaniel Webster," photos of the Stagecoach Stop property including the house across the street, the original location of the Stagecoach Stop, and the stable across the street (which is now located in Connecticut) were received and were here tonight for viewing. These were all purchased by William Gard at an auction and donated to the Heritage Commission. They date back to circa 1910. Discussion followed about getting the photographs enlarged and restored, and Mary Ann will call Walgreen's for the cost. Mary Ann suggested keeping the originals in the safe and copies at the Stagecoach Stop. Judi mentioned she knows some local photographers who may be able to help. It was agreed to be looked into this year from the budget. Carol will draft a thank you note for Bill Gard. Carol will take the sign to the Stagecoach Stop and it needs to be agreed on as to where to place it.

Discussion

1. Meeting Minutes

Carol had a conversation with Patty regarding the meeting minutes procedure, and the former procedure is still to be followed. The clerk will forward the finalized minutes to Patty who will convert them to PDF if necessary and put them on the town's website. Chris and Janet will be copied on the minutes.

2. Annual Spring Planning & Zoning Conference

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52 The Office of Energy and Planning has scheduled this event for June 4, 2016 at the Grappone
53 Conference Center in Concord, NH. Carol looked at the agenda and saw they have dropped
54 their nuts and bolts training speaker for historic and heritage commissions. There is now only
55 one speaker on historic issues, downtown planning, and conservation. The agenda was
56 passed around in case anyone was interested.

57 58 3. Eagle Scout Trail Project & Conservation Commission 59

60 Caleb had to cancel attending this meeting due to a death in the family. Carol had notified the
61 Conservation Commission and also someone from Sandown who was interested in the trail
62 work. Carsten on behalf of the Conservation Commission sent a note to the Heritage
63 Commission which Carol read, which was mostly regarding continued maintenance of the trail
64 by the scouts and signage.

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66 Carsten noticed that wooden rails are splitting. Per Carol, Heritage did not put those up;
67 Heritage put up the white aluminum markers which say "Conservation" and "Heritage", and
68 have a picture of a heron on them. DOT provides a highway grade sign for entrances. Mary
69 Ann clarified these are not the signs Carsten was talking about. Conservation Commission
70 member also discovered a sign covered in plastic which had in the past been a scout project
71 which had disintegrated, as UV light does this to plastic material. Per Carol, the task of the
72 Heritage Commission was only to clear the trail. The trail maintenance is not part of Caleb's
73 project and he will be using signs Heritage and Conservation already purchased. He is though
74 going to put up a story board. All agreed that material used in the future should be as durable
75 as possible.

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77 Carsten indicated he will get in touch with Barry to see if the scouts can help and also come up
78 with a maintenance plan in the future.

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80 Carol suggested responding to Carsten to clarify that Caleb will not be doing any future
81 maintenance and also to explain the scope of Caleb's project.

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83 Per Judi, a new person came to the board asking for a business application regarding taking
84 kids on the trail after school and she may be interested in volunteering to work on this trail.

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86 Mary Ann made a motion that Carol email Carsten with the scope of what we did and what we
87 discussed and if Conservation needs help to tell us. Michele seconded the motion and it
88 passed unanimously.

89 90 4. Ghost Hunters' Filming Request - Little Red Schoolhouse 91

92 Patty forwarded an email she received to Carol because the Heritage Commission has a
93 Stewardship Agreement with the town regarding the little Red Schoolhouse.

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95 The email was from Jerry Seaver, a pro wrestler called "The Candy Man" who is retired and
96 now working on a reality television show with two friends, Rich Damboise and Marcel Proulx.
97 They will show the exploits of three friends hunting for ghosts and paranormal activity. They
98 would like to explore and film the Little Red Schoolhouse. Judi said Brenda Whitehouse, who
99 is on the town's Recreation Committee, is interested in the paranormal and suggested
100 contacting her, which Judi will do.

Carol will draft a letter to the Selectmen with our recommendation that someone from town be present and Brenda Whitehouse will be suggested as a candidate. Mary Ann made a motion that Carol send the aforementioned by email. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Old Meeting House - Draft Stewardship Plan

Carol forgot to bring the draft she had worked on. Carol brought Judi up to speed on the project which is to outline who is responsible for what among the Board of Selectmen, the Heritage Commission, and the Olde Meeting House Association. Mary Ann made a motion for Carol to email the draft Stewardship plan for the Old Meeting House to all members of the Heritage Commission to look at before the next meeting and come back with comments. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Stagecoach Stop

a. Securing sliding door

Carol commended Mary Ann for thinking about how to solve the problem. Carol also found information on a company that sells rolling rack doors for barn doors and she brought information about them tonight. The problem though is the company sells these kits for rolling track barns and doors so you must buy the door as well. Heritage needs to measure the door and find places that sell only the kits. The part is called a "barn door bottom stabilizer."

b. May date for on-site projects

The crack in the door needs repair but cannot be done unless there is dry weather. The donors' board is also in need of repair. May 21 was the discussed potential date for the on-site visit but will be confirmed with Linda at the next meeting.

7. Community Outreach

a. October Halloween event

Carol asked Judi to bring this event before the Recreation Committee to see if they are interested in helping, and Judi will do so next week. Judi said she works with high school students who may be able to help as they are required to earn volunteer hours.

Carol had called the speaker, who is from Wolfeboro Falls but has not heard back from him yet.

b. Activity/Info Booth for Old Home Day

Carol expressed concern about the manpower for manning historic buildings that will be opened and the timing regarding handling the booths. Everyone agreed to put this on the back burner and keep it in mind for next year. Mary Ann suggested if high school students get involved in the October event maybe they could be asked to help organize something for the kids at Old Home Day next year. This will be moved to "Potential Future Projects" on the agenda.

151 8. Other Business

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153 Carol suggested having a meeting in the Little Red Schoolhouse and to do our inspection at
154 the same time so as to notify the Selectmen the need for any repairs.

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156 Judi has a conflict with family mediation work that she does and may only be available to
157 attend Heritage Commission meetings every other Wednesday. She will get clarification and
158 inform Heritage right away if she is unable to make it so there will not be any quorum issues.

159 9. Adjournment

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161 Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Judi seconded the motion and it
162 passed unanimously.

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164 **MINUTES PREPARED BY CAROL BAIRD**

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166 **Amended/Approved on April 27, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.**

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169 **Next meeting: April 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**