

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
March 9, 2016

Present: Regular Members: Carol Baird (Chair), Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent and Excused: Aamber-Rose McIntyre (Member), Michele Boyd (Alternate)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Baird at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was televised.

There was no mail or announcements.

Draft Minutes of February 24, 2016 Meeting

The draft minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Mary Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND STATUS UPDATES

1. **Member Re-appointments (before March 28)**

Carol is a regular member and Michele is an alternate member and both of their terms expire this year. Carol indicated if they are going to reapply the Commission must submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Carol had the application forms with her. Both positions are three year terms. Linda made a motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that Carol and Michele be reappointed as members of the Heritage Commission, Carol as a regular member and Michele as an alternate. Mary Ann seconded the motion. Carol abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **March Meeting Schedule**

At the last meeting there was a question about moving meetings around as the Eagle Scout Caleb Chretien was going to come to a meeting and someone said they may not make the last one due to the Easter holiday. It was decided tonight that the second meeting in March will go forward on March 23. Mary Ann may not be able to make it.

3. **Eagle Scout Project – Update & Contract – Tuckertown Rangeway Walking Trail**

Caleb's deadline for this project is in October (when he turns 18). Caleb must coordinate meetings with Heritage, the local troop, and the Eagle Scout Council. He had recently indicated he would be present tonight but due to meeting schedules of all parties and the fact he did not feel ready he postponed it and will come to the meeting of the Heritage Commission on April 13. His coach will be here with him and he will present his final plan. Caleb indicated that any changes suggested by Heritage would not be problematic. Heritage members will be asked to sign a contract. Per Carol, as an exception to Heritage's email policy she had emailed the Board of Selectmen asking if we still have their permission and authorization to

work on the trail and to sign the contract. They answered in the affirmative to both. Caleb needs to get a team together and must organize the entire project, as well as find ways to raise money for materials needed.

4. Little Red Schoolhouse – Status of State Listing Plaque

At the last meeting Mary Ann had offered to go to Framing Impressions in Plaistow to order the plaque. Mary Ann did so and explained that when she went she inquired about ordering the 3/8" plaque with gold edge and mat. The woman there told her gold was unavailable for the mat so she would try to pick the best color to compliment the other colors. New swatches were to be delivered to her on Wednesday, she was to pick a color, and there would be a three week turnaround. She then called Mary Ann and told her she felt the best color to compliment the plaque would be black so this is in the process of being done now and Mary Ann gave the invoice to Patty. The cost is \$41.03 and the plaque will have gold edges and be on black mat.

5. Stagecoach Stop

a. Brochure

The final brochure was passed out and it came out great. It was finalized last week. Carol did edits at home after the last meeting. Carol will make additional edits that are necessary and email it to Linda to print. Linda will print them in batches of 50 and bring them into a meeting. The brochures will be folded when convenient by the members. Carol thanked Linda for printing the brochures.

b. Ledger

When the Stagecoach Stop project was first started, members found a very old ledger book tied with a string at the Stagecoach Stop and no one could figure out what it was used for. There were names and amounts written in it.

Carol recently found an article that referred to postmasters having to keep ledgers of mail. It was thought that perhaps this is what the ledger found was used for. It is now in the trunk in the archival case for safe keeping.

c. Securing Sliding Door

Carol noticed that leaves had blown in under the front door because the door moves in the wind. Concerns were raised about leaves, water and critters getting in there. There was a discussion about finding at least a temporary fix to keep the door shut and getting this process started now. Mary Ann suggested looking in the Stagecoach Stop to see if there is a piece of metal that can be used. Carol reminded everyone that LCHIP must be asked for permission to do anything to the building.

6. Community Outreach

a. NH Humanities Speaker Program

Carol had sent a link to the members with speaker information and topics and she asked if anyone had gone over it yet. Some of the topics are about "*Big House, Little House, Back*

101 *House, Barn,”* stone Walls, little red schoolhouses, *Music in my Pocket* (which was about
102 forms of entertainment back in that era), native Americans, secrets of cellar holes,
103 anthropology and archaeology. The list is very long. Mary Ann suggested each member
104 choose six topics they are interested in. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.
105 The community center's availability for this will need to be checked.

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107 Heritage must contact the speaker, pick a date, submit an application, all to be done 11 weeks
108 in advance. A decision should be made at the next meeting in order to get a speaker for the
109 fall.

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111 b. Activity/Information Booth – Old Home Day
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113 Discussion previously took place about doing something at the library with the children. Carol
114 suggested doing something for them at Old Home Day and having our own booth. Some of
115 the members' ideas were setting up colonial games, a poster board with history of Danville,
116 dressing up in clothing of the period, games, crafts and songs from the early 1800s to late
117 1800s. Carol will contact Chris Stafford of the Old Home Day Committee to coordinate with
118 him.

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120 7. George Family Child's Shoes
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122 Carol put this on the agenda at Mary Ann's request, as Mary Ann was concerned about their
123 safety. Mary Ann felt they need to be kept in an acrylic box that would not let in moisture.
124 Carol went on amazon.com and found football cases that are crystal clear archival quality for
125 about \$30. They would fit the shoes and documents. The box would fit together like a puzzle
126 and not come open. They could be stored in the Stagecoach Stop or in our locked cabinet
127 upstairs but neither area is climate controlled. They could be stored and brought out for Old
128 Home Day and then be put back. The hope is to store them somewhere where they can be
129 seen and appreciated. The hope was that the future Heritage could get a cabinet at the town
130 hall to store items that could be seen more often. Carol suggested getting a box and everyone
131 agreed. Carol will look around for something. This will be discussed again in the future.

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133 Carol pointed out to Linda who is doing research on where the family lived that there are 1922
134 maps in the town hall which showed where property owners resided in Danville from that time
135 period. Mary Ann found the owner of the shoes was a town clerk in Chichester. Carol wants
136 to find out where they lived here and see if anything for shoemaking is still here. Linda looked
137 at censuses too.

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139 8. Website
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141 a. Girl Scout involvement
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143 b. Aamber-Rose was not present so it is unknown as to whether she spoke to a Girl Scout
144 representative. Mary Ann confirmed that Ms. Landry is involved with the Girl Scouts.
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146 c. Link changes
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148 Carol found out that the website has a great feature at the top of the page which will inform us
149 when any web link is not connecting. She had to fix some broken links.
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151 Per Carol, she added a Danville historic resources section and within that she added a link to
152 the *History of Danville* by Ruth Rich, a link to *Reminiscences*, a link to *Vital Records* published
153 by Hawke Historical, and a link to the *John Page Diary*. An interesting notation was that in the
154 *John Page Diary* the reverend makes reference to a huge fire that occurred in Boston.

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156 9. Member Items
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158 Mary Ann was concerned about some projects listed at the bottom of the agenda such as the
159 Stewardship Plan and the timing with the date of Old Home Day. She felt we should get
160 started on these. Carol will draft the Stewardship document similar to the one on the Little
161 Red Schoolhouse and others in the past for review by the board.

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163 **ADJOURNMENT**
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165 Mary Ann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Linda seconded the motion and it
166 passed unanimously.

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168 **MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK**
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170 **Amended/Approved on March 23, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.**
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173 **Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on March 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m**