

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
February 24, 2016

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

Absent and Excused: Aamber-Rose McIntyre (Member), Michele Boyd (Alternate), Joshua Horns (Selectmen's Member) and Laurie Crevatis (Clerk) absent excused.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Baird at 7:30 P.M. and was televised. Carol announced that in the absence of Laurie Crevatis, the clerk, Mary Ann has offered to take the minutes of this meeting and Carol thanked her.

Draft Minutes of February 10, 2016 Meeting

The draft minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed and changes made. A motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Linda to accept the minutes as amended. Carol and Mary Ann voted to accept the minutes as amended. Linda abstained.

Mail/Announcements

Carol publically thanked Joshua Horn, Board of Selectman (BOS) representative to the Heritage Commission (HC) for his time and being a supportive advocate to the HC. She noted he replaced Annemarie (Inman) last Spring. She hoped he enjoyed working with us.

The NH Preservation Alliance sent a notice for the 2016 NH Old House & Barn Exposition scheduled for March 12th and 13th from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Carol mentioned it is always a huge success and Bob Pothier is usually there. Included in the list of speakers is Jim Garvin who was very involved in the Meeting House and interesting to listen to. Carol listed many of the topics that will be included.

Carol read a notification that the 22nd Annual Office of Energy and Planning Spring Conference scheduled for April 23rd, has been postponed to a future date due to unforeseen circumstances. She noted we had not received the original announcement of the Conference. The Office of E & P will determine a new date. Carol reminded the members that a few years ago the HC had complained to the Office of E and P that they had not included historic districts in their Conferences. This year there were two topics planned for Historic and Heritage Commissions: The Nuts and Bolts. She hopes they will send the announcement for the new dates, spring or fall, so we may attend and was pleased the Office of E and P listened to our concerns

DISCUSSION and UPDATES

Carol shared with the members a gift sent to the town from a family. A pair of leather baby shoes made in Danville by a shoemaker, Lewis Harrison George for his son Maurice. Included were a note from the family and pictures of Mr. George, his wife Augusta T. Sargent and

51 Maurice. His son was 6 years old on the 1900 census. Judging from the size of the shoes
52 they were probably made in 1895 or 1896. The shoes are approximately 120 years old. Mr.
53 George was born in Danville in 1858 and married in Danville in 1890. He was a shoemaker and
54 mechanic. His wife, was born in Danville in 1868 and died in North Chichester in 1952.
55 Maurice was born in 1894 and moved to Plymouth, NH and died in Chichester. He resided in
56 Danville until 1922. He was a draftsman, a WWI soldier, a town clerk and tax collector. Carol
57 assumed it was in Chichester. Carol read the letter from the great granddaughter of Mr.
58 George, Joanne (sp) George Slater, who came to the town clerk's office to present the shoes
59 She ended her note by stating, "I am happy these shoes have found their way back home".
60 Carol publically thanked her. Carol stated she did not have an address for Ms. Slater but would
61 like to get it to send a thank you note. Carol suggested looking for a small archival plastic box
62 to keep the shoes in and to keep them at the Stage Coach Stop. Carol commented it is
63 wonderful when people share things from the past with us. Mary Ann commented that info on
64 the back of Maurice's photo indicated he was married on Christmas Day in 1922.

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66 Carol informed the members that she had received an email from Patty (Shogren) that Carol
67 and Michele's terms on the HC are expiring. Forms from both will need to be filled out and
68 returned with recommendations from the HC and approval from the BOS before March 28th.
69 Carol will fill hers out. Mary Ann took a form for Michele. Recommendations will need to be
70 voted on at the next HC meeting. They usually do the recommendations in April but are doing
71 it early this year.

72 73 74 **1. Little Red Schoolhouse – Plaques regarding State Listing**

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76 Carol updated the members on getting the Certificate for the Little Red School House
77 laminated. When Patty (Shogren) had tried to order the plaque from the company Mary Ann
78 had found, the cost was much higher than was thought. Mary Ann explained that Fox
79 Laminating out of Connecticut had told her over the phone that whether it was the deluxe or
80 semi deluxe if it was 8.5" x 11". It would be in the \$54.00 range plus the cost to make a good
81 copy, \$7.00, so we could keep the original. Patty was ordering it because the BOS had money
82 in the budget for such items. When she contacted them the price quoted was much higher.
83 Patty then contacted Carol and Mary Ann with the update. Carol then checked with Framing
84 Impressions in Plaistow. They send it out to another company to have it laminated. They can
85 do something similar with or without a mat around it. On a 3/8" (deep) plaque without a mat
86 the price will be \$23.05, with a 1.5 inch mat \$41.03. On a 7/8" (deep) plaque without a map the
87 price will be \$30.77, with a 1.5 inch mat \$58.50. Edge colors can be picked. Mary Ann
88 mentioned the idea behind laminating the certificate was to protect it against moisture and
89 critters in the Little Red School House. Carol was informed by the lady at Framing
90 Impressions that the work order is picked up on a Wednesday and returned in 3 weeks. After
91 discussing the edge and mat color options, Mary Ann made a motion to order the 3/8" plaque
92 with gold edge and mat. that was seconded by Linda and passed unanimously. Mary Ann
93 offered to get the original copy from Patty, take it to Hampstead Print and Copy to have a good
94 quality copy made on better paper stock not costing over \$10.00. She will then go to Framing
95 Impressions to order the plaque. This was agreed upon by Carol and Linda.

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98 **2. Meeting House**
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100 **a. Stewardship Plan/Agreement**
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102 The Board of Selectman (BOS) discussed our request to start drafting a document regarding
103 the stewardship of the Old Meeting House (OMH). Patty sent an email to Carol stating the
104 BOS has okayed the HC drafting a document that will outline the partners involved with the
105 OMH and what is the responsibility of each group. Carol will start working on the document
106 since she has much of the information. She would like to have a conversation with Chris
107 Stafford from the Olde Meeting House Association. The Attorney General's Office (AG) had
108 questions about this because all funds for the OMH should come through the town. There were
109 a couple of times that repairs on the OMH were paid for directly from a fund. The AG's office
110 commented that the Olde Meeting House Association should not pay directly because the
111 building is owned by the town. Carol would like Chris Stafford's suggestions on how to handle
112 that, perhaps getting a bid and letting the selectman know the amount. After getting the ok, the
113 association could cut a check to the town who will then pay the vendor. There were a couple
114 of other concerns from the AG regarding money changing hands that she would like to discuss
115 with Chris. She will start working on the document and bring it to a future meeting.
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117 **b. Cy Pres**
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119 Josh did bring up the status of the Cy Pres at the last selectman's meeting as requested by the
120 HC. Within a day or two Carol received a draft from Patty of a Cy Pres Petition to the court. It
121 is almost completed. She was looking for 2 pieces of information from the Olde Meeting House
122 Association. It is almost good to go. The AG's office has been working with Peter Loughlin our
123 town attorney. Carol could tell they had been working together on the language and are happy
124 with its form. Carol reported it is 10 pages long and wanted to know if the members wanted to
125 read it. Mary Ann made a motion, seconded my Linda to allow Carol to email the Cy Pres to
126 the HC members. The motion carried unanimously, Carol mentioned she hoped it will be
127 resolved in the near future. This will be a good accomplishment,
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130 **3. Stagecoach Stop & Store**
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132 **a. Brochure**
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134 Carol informed Linda that she had brought the paper for her to use when making the brochure
135 copies.
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137 The members present began the arduous process of editing the wording of the brochure
138 entitled: "**Webster Stagecoach Stop and Store**". Each section was examined and edited with
139 much discussion and revisions. The sections include; The Shop, The Store, Postal History,
140 Nathaniel Webster and The Building and Its Move. After many modifications to the text and
141 approval of the photos included within the brochure, Carol asked for permission of the
142 members to make the suggested improvements on her computer then send a copy of the
143 improved brochure to the members for a final look. Mary Ann made a motion seconded by
144 Linda to allow Carol to send the members the revised version of the brochure. The motion
145 carried unanimously. Linda took the paper to make the copies of the final version.
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148 **4. Town website – Kids' Corner**
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150 Mary Ann informed the group that she had spoken with Barry Hantmann regarding the possible
151 involvement of the Boy Scouts in redoing the Kids Corner of the HC website. He referred Mary
152 Ann to Mrs. Hantmann. Mrs. Hantmann referred her to Mrs. Landry whose son, Nathan, is in
153 the middle of his Eagle Project to build the bandstand at Goldthwaite Park. She is involved with
154 the Boy or Girl Scouts. Mary Ann gave Mrs. Landry her phone number to get back to us.
155 Carol thought that would be a nice partnership. It would help the HC and help a Boy Scout
156 gain a badge as well as being fun for the kids.

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159 Carol asked if there was anything else to discuss. Linda would like to find out what house the
160 owner of the baby shoes lives in. She will check the census on Ancestry.com. Carol also
161 suggested nhdeeds.com for Rockingham County info. Linda commented that the census on
162 Ancestry.com lists the address of the person searched all the names of those living there as
163 well as the occupations. Carol would like to put any additional information found in the archival
164 box along with the shoes.

165 Carol brought a Thank You card for the members to sign for Bill Gard. He donated a copy of
166 *Reminiscences* to the HC that was appreciated by the group. Carol and Mary Ann commented
167 on how wonderful the book is.

168 **ADJOURNMENT**

169 At 9:02 PM Linda made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann to adjourn the meeting. Carol asked
170 if there was anything more to discuss, hearing none, the vote was taken to adjourn and passed
171 unanimously.

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174 **MINUTES PREPARED BY Mary Ann DiStefano Heritage Commission Member**

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176 **Amended/Approved on March 9, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.**

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178 **Next Meeting: March 9, 2016**