

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
October 28, 2015

Present: Regular Members: Carol Baird (Chair), Joshua Horns (Selectmen Member), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent and Excused: Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Amber-Rose McIntyre (Alternate), Michele Boyd (Alternate)

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

Draft Minutes of October 14, 2015 Meeting

The draft minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Joshua seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carol announced an email was received from someone who visited the Heritage Commission's web page and wanted to pass on interesting links that may be helpful. Mary Ann made a motion for Carol to get in contact with her. Joshua seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, wants to protect irreplaceable historic resources and people are encouraged to contact them regarding any concerns they have about the Northern Pass impact in NH. Carol will forward the information to Joshua.
- NHDHR has a mapping project called "My New Hampshire" where people can share images of historic places on a map online. Danville's Old Meeting House was put there by Jim Garvin. This is open to the public. Carol will forward the email to all members. Mary Ann made a motion for Carol to forward the email from Preservation Alliance and NH Mapping to all members. Joshua seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

1. Town Website

Joshua attempted to create images for each article but was unsuccessful. Another issue is when one goes to "Boards and Committees" and then to "Heritage Commission" there is a problem with getting to the "About" page. This link contains important information about the Heritage Commission, such as meeting and member information. These issues will be discussed with Patty.

2. Little Red Schoolhouse – State Register Listing

Carol announced that she received a letter dated October 26, 2015 from the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources stating they voted to approve the listing of the building in the NH State Register. A press release and letter of certification will follow. Also sent to Heritage was their final application with changes that had gone to the board to vote on. The building is now eligible to apply for grants. The building is close to Route 111A so now protection can be sought if work is done on the road. Also, the building's historic importance is now officially recognized by the state. Carol suggested a letter to the Selectmen telling them of this announcement and that it may take a month before the press release and certification arrive. It was decided to have Joshua will take the paperwork and announce it to the Selectmen. Carol suggested framing the certificate and placing it in the Little Red Schoolhouse and Heritage can also take care of the press release if the Selectmen turn it over to Heritage to do. Mary Ann thanked Carol for the many hours she spent on this project.

3. Board Appointment (Aamber-Rose)

Carol announced that Aamber-Rose McIntyre was appointed as a full member by the Board of Selectmen. There are now two alternate seats open, one of which expires in 2018 and the other one is unknown.

4. 2016 Budget and Pre-Disaster Planning

Carol appeared before the Board of Selectmen and they approved the budget as submitted. They discussed projects for next year, one of which was pre-disaster planning. They clarified for Carol that the town has a natural hazard mitigation plan in place, and gave Carol a copy of a letter from FEMA approving the plan. It appears the planning would go in effect after an event occurs. On the back of the letter are links that may be helpful in looking into pre-disaster planning. Mary Ann made a motion for Joshua to email us the electronic version of the town's plan. Carol seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Parsonage Fund AG Meeting 10/27/15

Last night Heritage members attended a meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Attorney General's representatives. Joshua said the end result was the town was given three options: 1-continue to distribute money to religious societies if possible under the Attorney General's interpretation of a charitable trust; 2-petition for instruction in the probate court to instruct the town as to what to do with the funds; or 3-petition for cy pres to refine the intent of the trust fund. The Selectmen need to determine what to do. The meeting was televised and will be up on re-runs if people want to see it, per Mary Ann.

6. Town Records at NH Historical Society

Carol called the NH Historical Society to inquire about picking up the old Parsonage Committee book from 1790 to 1836, town reports from 1790-1836, and a Board of Selectmen account book dating back to the 1800s. Chris Tracy, town clerk, had written a letter requesting the return of the book and authorized Carol to pick it up. She was told they would return the Parsonage book, but want to have it digitized beforehand. They consider the town reports a gift and will not return them. Carol went and got the Selectmen accounts for 1846. She also copied some pages from the Parsonage book indicating showing more instances where the Old Meeting House was repaired with Parsonage Fund money.

101 **7. Stagecoach Stop & Store – Bookmarks and Brochure**

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103 The bookmarks arrived today and Carol brought them. There was a small typographical error
104 noted; it should say "[www.http://](http://)" instead of "http:". Everyone agreed they look great and will
105 not be changed. The bookmarks will be placed upstairs in the cabinet for now.

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107 Carol printed and brought Mary Ann's brochure for review. Carol suggested taking it home
108 and going over it for the next meeting. Mary Ann made a motion for Carol to send around "The
109 Building and its Move" section to work on it on the computer. Joshua seconded the motion
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112 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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114 Mary Ann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Joshua seconded the motion and it
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118 **MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK**

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120 **Amended/Approved on November 11, 2015 by majority vote of the Commission.**

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123 **Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on November 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**
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