

**Heritage Commission  
Danville, NH**

**Minutes of October 26, 2011 Meeting**

**(FINAL)**

**Members Present:** Carol Baird-Chair, Bill Gard, John Russo, Annemarie Inman-selectmen member, Amber-Rose McIntyre (alternate)

**Excused:** Gabrielle Baechtold (member); Nicole DeSantis-Liaison to school; Laurie Crevatis-clerk

The meeting began at 7:30pm and was televised.

Carol appointed Amber-Rose McIntyre as a voting member for tonight's meeting, as Gabrielle was absent.

**Draft Minutes of October 11, 2011 Meeting**

The draft minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting were reviewed and amended. John made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Amber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Carol will get the amendments to the clerk so the final draft of the minutes can be generated. Carol clarified that while the minutes of October 11, 2011 accurately reflect that she said the period for someone to contest a tax-taking deed by the town is seven years, the correct contest period is ten years. It was also clarified in response to a question by Bill that the 20-acre Merrill lot is in the Historic District but the 10-acre piece discussed by town counsel at the October 6, 2011 Selectmen's meeting is not and never was in the Historic District.

**Mail/Announcements**

The only mail received was the bill from Terry Trudel at SEC for placing the iron pins on the Tuckertown Road walking trail (see discussion below).

**Discussion**

**I. Tuckertown Road walking trail:**

Carol stated the weather predictions for October 29 were "iffy" and asked if the Board wanted to change to the rain date of October 30. The consensus of the board was to leave the date as October 29 unless very bad weather for Saturday develops by Friday, in which case Carol will notify everyone involved that it will be moved to Sunday.

Carol received a phone call from Terry Trudel of SEC that the iron pins had been placed along the trail. Carol visited the site and saw that Terry had also placed wooden stakes with pink flags at the pin locations, which made the outer edge of the 10-foot path very easy to see. Terry mailed his bill to the Heritage Commission and Carol gave it to Patty Shogren to pay out of the Recreation account as the Selectmen had agreed. The bill was \$610, which was at the lower end of Terry's estimate.

The tree tags have been ordered by Judy Jervis of the Conservation Commission. The cost is \$1.16 each and she ordered 210. They will take 7-14 working days. It was asked who is to pay for these and Carol

stated the Selectmen have asked Heritage to pay for them if there is money in the budget. If not, Heritage is to return to the Selectmen for other arrangements.

John offered to get coffee and Munchkins and Amber has purchased bottled water for the trail workers. They will be reimbursed by Heritage.

## **II. Tuckertown Road Water Issue**

Carol reminded everyone Russ Harding is awaiting responses with convenient dates for the site walk so he can schedule a date that is convenient to the majority. He indicated he will be deciding the date by the end of this week. Conservation has asked that Ellen Snyder (who wrote the town forest stewardship plan) and representatives from Audubon and Beaver Solutions also be invited to attend the site walk. Carol distributed copies of the NH statutes on beaver control and articles about what can and cannot be done on Class VI roads. Tuckertown Road is a Class VI road and maintenance appears to be limited.

## **III. Webster Stagecoach Stop and Store**

Carol has contacted Deb Gagne and Heritage has been granted another extension for the Moose Plate Grant. Carol also received an email from Amy Dixon that an extension up to six months can be requested from LCHIP by submitting a written request to the director. Any additional extension requests would have to be submitted to the LCHIP board of directors.

Bob Pothier has been in touch with Carol and indicated he has found additional work on the building which is outside the scope of the grants. He has been making these additional repairs, which he feels are necessary to the integrity of the work that is being done. Carol distributed a sheet from Bob itemizing additional materials and labor totaling \$3,358.05, which he said he has been absorbing. Bob asked if it was possible for Moose Plate to release half of the \$5,000 that is still owed under that grant so he can be paid half of his bid when he finishes the exterior wall shingles on the front of the building. Carol called Deb Gagne to ask this question, but was told it could not be done because of the terms of the contract the Selectmen had signed. Carol expressed concern that Bob must wait to be paid, particularly when he has been absorbing the cost of extra work. She distributed an accounting sheet of cash in the Stagecoach Stop account (\$2,453.17) and the Heritage Fund (\$5,149.10). She asked if the Commission members would entertain a motion to pay Bob \$2,160 when he finishes the shingles on the front of the building. This amount would be one-half of his \$4,340 bid for the shingling labor on all four exterior walls. A withdrawal from the Heritage Fund would require an additional vote from the Selectmen approving the withdrawal from that fund. Concerns were raised and discussed about meeting the grant deadlines and the amount of time the work is taking. Carol mentioned the Commission could decide not to have Bob do repairs outside the scope of the grant and ask him to just complete the grant work. After discussion Bill moved to pay Bob \$2,160 from the Stagecoach fund when he completes the shingles on the front of the building. John seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, Carol called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Annemarie indicated she may speak with Bob on behalf of the Commission and Selectmen about how we can help to keep the project moving.

## **IV. Colonial Day**

Bob Griffin has confirmed that three buildings owned by the VIS will be opened and manned for Danville Elementary School's Colonial Day on May 18, 2012. They include the White School House, Union Church and the Sargent Cooperage. Bob has also agreed to have his "Can you guess what this is?" boards available for Colonial Day and will set them up in the area of the VIS buildings. Deb Meigs has agreed to be present at the Old Meeting House that day and Peter Meigs has agreed to host the opening of the Red School House across from Center Cemetery. Carol has reported this information to

Nikki DeSantis so she can pass it along to the school's enrichment teacher. Nikki also asked if someone could be at Ye Olde Cemetery across from the Meeting House. Carol told her that could be arranged but the school would need some arrangements to help the children cross Main Street safely. Nikki notified Carol that the teachers felt flags and pins as mementos for the children might be dangerous and they suggested stickers as an alternative. Carol researched stickers, found the cost of customized stickers for 313 children to be a bit high and has asked Nikki about silicone wrist bands that could be printed. Carol suggested other Heritage members can research stickers and any other items to see if something affordable can be found.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:50 Bill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John and was approved unanimously.

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**MINUTES PREPARED BY CAROL BAIRD**

**Amended/Approved on November 9, 2011, 2011 by majority vote of the Commission.**

**Next Scheduled Meeting: November 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**