

**Meeting Minutes  
Danville Heritage Commission  
February 23, 2011**

**Present:** Carol Baird (Chair), John Russo (Vice Chair), William Gard, Annmarie Inman (Selectmen Member), Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

**Absent:** David Knight (excused), Nikki DeSantis (Danville Elementary School Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. and was televised.

**Draft Minutes of February 9, 2011:**

The draft minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting were reviewed and amended. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Annmarie seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of John who abstained, and the motion passed.

**Mail/Announcements:**

- Annual notice from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance stating they are accepting nominations for a preservation project or person for the 2011 Achievement Awards. Submissions must be made by March 9, 2011. Awards will be presented May 10, 2011. Per Carol, the Heritage Commission can submit a nomination for a person or place involved in preservation activities, as they have done in the past. John suggested the Webster Stage Coach Stop & Store when it is completed.
- Carol announced the New Hampshire Office of Energy & Planning holds a spring conference usually in March of each year in Manchester which covers lots of topics such as energy, planning, historic, ZBA, etc. Town boards usually get noticed. Carol will check to see if it is posted yet.

**DISCUSSION**

**I. 2011 Project with Danville Elementary School**

Nikki was not present this evening. She informed Carol she was unable to touch base with people before school break in order to discuss this further. Carol had called Stonehenge and spoke with Pat Stone, who said her husband is the only one who could speak to the students but his availability is limited due to his busy schedule. She offered to loan their video free of charge. Nikki said she would preview it first. All agreed this is a great alternative to a speaker.

**II. Request for LCHIP Funding Support**

Bill pointed out that an editorial was posted on December 9, 2010 in the *Union Leader* where the writer suggested the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is a luxury the citizens of NH can no longer afford. Bill drafted an opposition to the editorial entitled, *The Goose and the Golden Egg* which he submitted for approval to the *Carriage Towne News* and the *Lawrence Eagle Tribune*. Bill said his approach was to make it apparent as to how good New Hampshire is. Bill also drafted a letter to Governor John Lynch on his own with a footnote at the bottom that he is a member of the Danville New Hampshire Heritage Commission. Carol asked if there was an interest in doing something else as a board in response to Matt

Lahey and the answer was negative. Bill will email his letter and editorial to Carol. Bill made a motion that Carol be allowed to email Matt Lahey a copy of the opposing editorial and letter regarding LCHIP funding. John seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **III. Tuckertown Road Easement Markers**

Carol asked if the board wishes to go forward with this project, and if so, how to proceed. Bill reiterated that if an easement is not used it can be taken away, and there is legal precedence to support this. David Knight had previously stated it is after a period of 20 years of non-use.

Carol explained that the easement was allowed for a walking trail, bikes, and pedestrians, but no motorized vehicles. She noticed there is no mention of signs in the easement. Carol also brought a larger map of the area which was reviewed. Under "Inspection" it is stated that five days notice must be provided to abutters if the town wishes to perform an inspection, and Carol believes if the town wants to undertake putting in a path, the same notice rule would apply. Per Carol, there is lots of slash to be cleared. She said there may also already be edge markers in place.

Carol opined that if the board wants to proceed the first step is to talk to the Board of Selectmen. The second step would be to visit the area in the spring to assess it, and the third step would be to get Terry Trudel involved. Since there is no mention regarding signage Carol suggested the Board of Selectmen may have an idea as to what could be legally done, and the Conservation Commission may also be interested. Carol will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen which she will bring to the next meeting. She will also draft a letter to Conservation asking if they would like to be involved. All agreed to go forward with this project. John suggested arranging a meeting involving all the boards who would be interested in this project.

### **IV. Other Business**

Carol mentioned that if the Warrant Article passes on March 8, Heritage will have to amend their procedures regarding board membership and alternates.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK**

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

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**Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on March 9, 2011**