

**Meeting Minutes  
Danville Heritage Commission  
February 9, 2011**

**Present:** Carol Baird (Chair), William Gard, Annmarie Inman (Selectmen Member), Dave Knight (Alternate), Nikki DeSantis

**Absent:** John Russo (Vice Chair), excused.

**Also Present:** Nate and Gabrielle Baechtold, Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and was televised. Dave Knight was designated a voting member for tonight's meeting.

**Draft Minutes of December 8, 2010 Meeting:**

The draft minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Dave seconded the motion. Carol called for a vote to accept the minutes as amended and it was unanimous. The clerk will make the amendments and forward for posting on the web site.

**Draft Minutes of January 19, 2011 Meeting:**

The draft minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Dave seconded the motion. Carol called for a vote to accept the minutes as amended and it was unanimous. The clerk will make the amendments and forward for posting on the web site.

The process for submitting the minutes to the town clerk was discussed. Bill usually delivers both the draft and final minutes. Carol will ask the clerk if the clerk can email them to her and if she would post them.

**Mail/Announcements:**

- Two issues of "Town and City." Carol pointed out that in the January issue there is a picture of Annmarie Inman graduating from Selectperson Institute.
- An article regarding local officials making decisions and what constitutes a conflict of interest. Carol thought the board may be interested in this, as they could be in that position, i.e. in reviewing an application for review under the Historic Ordinance.
- The woman who sent journals sent more genealogy on the Heath family.
- A notice from the Board of Selectmen regarding elected officials and employees and electioneering; it is not allowed per the statute.
- A notice regarding a grant writing course on March 30 at 8:30 p.m. The registration deadline is February 24. It is sponsored by LGC. The location is unknown. The fee, if any, is unknown.

**DISCUSSION**

### 1. Status of Heritage Commission Warrant Article

Carol reported that the warrant article was put forward at the Board of Selectmen's deliberative session, no changes were made, and it will go on the ballot.

### 2. 2011 Project with Danville Elementary School

Nikki explained there are two different projects occurring, the Beehive Hut Project and an "enrichment day" to occur in late May/early June 2012. She explained that in the past the school had held a colonial-type day and they are now thinking about taking that idea and making it coincide with the history of Danville. It is the hope that the children will be able to do colonial-type activities and visit the town's historic buildings, which will be open and manned. The buildings involved will be the Meeting House, the red school house, and the white school house. Bill suggested talking to VIS as there is a lot of history in that area as well. Nikki stated the logistics still need to be figured out.

The Beehive Hut Project is a project they will try to work on this spring. Carol tried to contact the person who started Stonehenge in Salem, NH, but he passed away. She said he had the most knowledge, as he had investigated Danville's Beehive Hut. Carol discussed getting the children involved in the project. She printed some information from the Stonehenge webpage containing activities for kids such as drawing, writing, and other interactive ideas. Carol will call Stonehenge to see if they have a speaker who could come to the school at the end of April. This will involve grades 3, 4, and 5. The tentative plan is to arrange to have the children visit the Beehive Hut at an open house on a Saturday, arrange to have a speaker at the school, and involve the children in activities.

### 3. Request for LCHIP Funding Support

Carol received a phone call and an email from Matt Lahey of the Forestry Society, on behalf of the Forestry Society, the Preservation Alliance, Nature Conservancy and others who are trying to help preserve LCHIP funding and convince the governor to stop taking money from the fund for state budget and deficit. Heritage has been asked (because they are grant recipients) to write letters to their legislator and the governor requesting they keep the funding intact and that dedicated funding not be used. Mr. Lahey sent a flyer on the economic benefits of LCHIP. Carol asked for a volunteer to draft a letter to the four legislators, to Jack Barnes (Senator), and to Governor Lynch. Carol said she may call Bob Pothier as well to see if he would be willing to do a letter. It was the consensus of the board that Danville has benefited greatly from LCHIP in the following manners: 1) town hall recommendations were made by an architect for the building, 2) a Moose Plate grant was received for heating, air conditioning, and electrical work for the upper floor of the town hall, and 3) two grants were received for the Webster Stage Coach Stop and Store. The board decided to help in this effort. Bill will draft a letter to the people listed above and copy the Union Leader and per Dave's suggestion, the Ways and Means Committee Chairman and also Norm Major.

### 4. Tuckertown Road Easement Markers

As a potential project this year the board discussed marking the easement that is adjacent to Colby Pond. Carol recited the history of the easement. An agreement was made on April 26, 2006 for a 10 foot wide historical easement along the south border of the new development.

Carol went on the NH Deeds website and printed out the recorded easement and copied it for all. She stated it is pretty comprehensive as to its purpose. Carol suggested reading it to see what Heritage's rights are to start. Carol noted it is called a "Historic/Conservation

Preservation Easement Deed". She suggested Heritage may want to get Conservation involved if they decide to go forward with cleaning it up, etc, as well as to discuss it in more detail at the next meeting. Carol suggested going forward with the project and getting it clearly marked and identified. Bill agreed something should be done, as by law if an easement owner does not use the property for a period of time (20 years per Dave) and someone else does, then the owner could lose it. Carol mentioned asking Conservation for help and getting input from the Board of Selectmen. The board needs to come up with a plan including a site walk. Nikki said she will keep her ears open for anyone willing to do community service work. This will be kept on the agenda. Carol will go to the Registry of Deeds and obtain the document in full print.

#### 5. Other Business/Member Items

Carol commented as a historic district interest in general, the state Supreme Court overturned the decision to grant a permit for the Hannaford property in Kingston. It was determined not to be appropriate for the wetlands issues.

John had brought an article from Bedford, NH where they were trying to eliminate the Historic District due to paint colors. Carol reminded everyone that the regulations apply to protect things that cannot be changed back and this does not include paint colors.

Dave got a packet from Pam Jefferson (former Heritage member) with photographs that Fran Colby had given her and she wants to donate them to Heritage. They are Colby family photos as well as photos of the Colby Mill which burned in 1898. Carol suggested adding to or creating a Colby Family folder. Bill noted the library has a book on the family. Carol suggested it may be a good idea down the road to do a bulletin board on the Colby family who has made a huge contribution to the town of Danville. Dave suggested doing a bulletin board once a year on one of the founding families of Danville. The board agreed.

Gabrielle has submitted an application for membership. She said she would be able to help with everything discussed tonight. She has lots of time to volunteer. The application will go to the Board of Selectmen and then to Heritage for their recommendation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Dave seconded the motion. Carol asked if there was further discussion and there was none. She called for a vote and the vote was unanimous.

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

**Amended/Approved on February 23, 2011 by majority vote of the Commission.**

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**Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on February 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

