

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

Present: Carol Baird (Chair), John Russo (Vice Chair), William Gard, Annemarie Inman (Selectmen Member), Nikki DeSantis (Danville Elementary School Liaison), Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent: David Knight (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and was televised.

Draft Minutes of March 9, 2011

The draft minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting were reviewed and amended. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. John seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mail/Announcements

- A new issue of *Town & City*.
- A notice from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance regarding the 25th Annual Preservation Conference which is scheduled to take place on April 8 from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The deadline for registration is April 1. Also, people can submit a photo to be included in a "What I love about Preservation in New Hampshire" slide show that will take place in the morning. The photo must be submitted by April 1. The registration fee is \$45 for New Hampshire Preservation Alliance members including lunch. The Heritage Commission is a member.

DISCUSSION

I. Board Membership

1. Dave's status was discussed at the last meeting and whether or not he will be able to continue as an alternate for the Heritage Commission. He is a Planning Board alternate and John is a Planning Board member. Carol read a Plan-Link forum message connected with the NH Office of Energy and Planning which discussed the statute which permits planning board members to serve on another commission but two planning board members cannot serve on the same commission. Per Carol, the Board of Selectmen needs to be informed about this.
2. Gabrielle Baechtold submitted her application. The Board of Selectmen is holding all applications until board appointments in April.
3. Terms of Bill and Carol expire next month therefore a one-year and two-year term will become available. Carol said she will renew for the two-year term and Bill agreed to renew for the one-year term. The applications and a letter will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by Carol. Carol asked for a board vote on recommendations. John moved to definitely recommend Carol Baird for the two year position and definitely recommend Bill for the one year position. Anne Marie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

II. 2011 Project with Danville Elementary School

Per Carol, the board needs to focus on getting the flyers together for school approval which will be sent home with the children. Nikki will confirm that the date of May 21 will work. The plan is for the program to be held at the school probably in June. There will be a film shown which will be borrowed from Stonehenge. Nikki will review it first. Dave said he found a docent who would be delighted to speak. Carol found activities on Stonehenge's website that are geared toward children which can be printed. Carol asked Nikki what she would want from Heritage for the school presentation. Carol suggested photos of the beehive hut, an archaeological report on it, information placed on the town's website, as well as pictures the children draw or writings by the children about it. Nikki will check on the age group that will be participating. Per Carol, the amount of flyers needed is necessary. Nikki will have more information at the next meeting. Bill pointed out that no one knows why the Beehive Hut is there or why it was built, and the kids can be creative about it. Annemarie suggested Heritage attend when the docent speaks.

Nikki also discussed briefly the 2012 enrichment day that will take place for the school and the possible opening of some of the town's historic buildings.

III. Robert Goodby site inquiry – archaeological/historical significance

Heritage received a request from a gentleman by the name of Robert Goodby who had done the archaeological study for the Webster Stagecoach Stop & Store. Mr. Goodby had been contacted for a project regarding a commercial piece of land on the south side of Route 111 and he asked if Heritage knows of anything of archaeological or historical importance in the vicinity. His map was reviewed but it was difficult. Carol got out some maps to try to figure out exactly where the property is. A 1922 map was reviewed. It was decided that Carol will respond to Mr. Goodby that Heritage checked a map of Danville from 1922 and did not see any indication of buildings, and if he wants he can contact Hawke Historical Society as well. Carol will check the records to see if there were any cemeteries in the area.

IV. Tuckertown Road

Carol announced that Heritage is scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectmen on April 4 at 7:20 p.m. Conservation will be invited to attend, and they did express an interest in participating. Per Anne Marie, Forestry will be invited as well. Janet obtained a real copy of the easement for Heritage. There are two documents, a deed and an agreement. Carol suggested reviewing them before the meeting with the Board of Selectmen and jotting down notes. Discussion with the Board of Selectmen will cover the fact that nothing has been done with the area. Heritage is allowed under the easement to create a walking path. It will need to be cleaned, marked, and maintained. Also, discussion will cover what the easement allows and Heritage's concern that it be made available and used. Signage needs to be discussed, as there is nothing in the easement about it. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Anne Marie suggested talking to Bruce. Also, a site visit should be taken. Another topic will be regarding notification issues to abutting property owners. Volunteers will be needed for clean-up work.

V. Amending of Procedures

This will be addressed at the next meeting.

VI. Webster Stage Coach Sign

Jan Pouliot stopped in. She had carved the sign for the Webster Stage Coach Stop. In a few weeks she will plan to install the sign. Carol will put add it to the agenda to discuss its location and future maintenance, and a date will be chosen for the board to meet at the site.

VII. Other Business

Bill got a response from the governor to his letter and it was noncommittal. He read it. Carol will keep it for the file and she may scan it and send it to LCHIP.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK

Amended/Approved on April 19, 2011 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on April 13, 2011