

**Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
July 27, 2011**

Present: Carol Baird (Chair), John Russo (Vice Chair), William Gard, Gabrielle Baechtold, Russ Harding (alternate Selectmen Member), Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent: Annmarie Inman (excused), Nikki DeSantis (Danville Elementary School Liaison) (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was televised.

Draft Public Minutes of June 22, 2011:

The draft public minutes of the June 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Gabrielle seconded the motion. Russ abstained. The motion passed.

Draft Non-Public Minutes of June 8, 2011:

The draft non-public minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. John seconded the motion. Russ abstained. The motion passed. Carol will check with Patty as to where these minutes are kept. The clerk will keep them for now.

Mail/Announcements:

- A check for \$20 was received from LCHIP for the good report submitted in December which was completed by Bob Pothier. Carol read their letter. The money is from a community conservation endowment they have. Carol gave the check to Patty to deposit in the Webster Stage Coach Stop and Store account.
- Two new issues of "*New Hampshire Preservation Alliance*."
- Carol announced that Linda Ray Wilson and Jim Garvin have retired. They had been very supportive to Danville. Linda Wilson helped with creating the historical district and when Terra Realty was preparing the road for gravel trucks, which was a potential impact on the Olde Meeting House from the road vibration, she worked to help with that issue. Jim Garvin is a well renowned historian who determined that the Olde Meeting House was actually five years older than believed. He researched it and gave Heritage detailed information.
- Carol announced that in early June the legislature was to vote to remove the funding source for LCHIP, but existing and stewardship funds would remain. Carol checked the Rockingham Registry of Deeds website and saw that the surcharge was still there. Carol asked if the board wanted to send LCHIP a letter of appreciation for all that was done for Danville over the years. Bill moved as such. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carol will find out where to send it.
- Carol purchased a card to send to Jen Casey, the docent at Stonehenge who gave a speech on the Beehive Hut. It was signed by all and Carol will send it.
- Correspondence was received from the Board of Selectmen regarding department meetings which they would like to schedule three times a year, tentatively in January,

April, and September. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2011. Carol wrote back to them and asked what the purpose was. Russ said it is to connect with the departments and see what projects are going on before budget season begins. Carol will add this to the first meeting agenda in September.

- Carol announced that Byron Tucker and Caroline June Tucker Keller spent several hours on July 5 in Danville; they went out to the area where the Tucker land was and also visited cemeteries. June is a genealogist and has done lots of research on the Tucker family. She reported that Ebenezer, Sr. and his two sons lived there. The mother of Ebenezer was Phoebe Page who may have been related to the Reverend Page who went out to try to help when the family became ill with smallpox. Two women died and at least six children were raised by paupers in 1782. Carol remarked how it is all starting to fall into place. June wants to find out what happened with the four children (two are already known about). Bill said he sent her the Ruth Rich history. Bill suggested they become honorary members of the Olde Meeting House.

DISCUSSION

Tuckertown Road Easement

1. Trail prep team and volunteers

At the last meeting discussion took place regarding getting volunteers. John asked some friends who may help on their own time, and he will remind them. John will also find out about the Boy Scouts and the Danville Dads. Carol talked to Mr. DeChane and his sons are happy to help.

2. Town chipper

Carol talked to Bruce about the town chipper and he indicated it will take up to 12 inches. Bruce suggested that Heritage ask the Selectmen for permission to use it. Russ will ask them.

3. Status of Estimate from Terry Trudel for measuring/markings

Carol has not heard back but she had told him there was no rush. John will call him to follow up.

4. Signs and sign poles

Carol asked Bruce about highway grade signs which would say no motorized vehicles are allowed and the name of the area. They are \$35-\$50 each and the poles are \$10-\$15 each.

5. Joint meeting with Conservation

Carol asked if the board is interested in having a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission. The goal is to create a punch list and anticipated plan for the Selectmen. It was decided a letter will be sent to Conservation telling them of the information Heritage has and asking them if they want to participate. Carol will draft a letter for the next meeting.

New Bulletin Board

The current board is of the 250th celebration. Per Carol, there are boards upstairs that can be reused which feature the graveyards of Danville, Tuckertown Road, the Olde Meeting House, and there may be more. Bill suggested possibly doing a board on Danville barns. Bill and Gabrielle will work on this project.

Other Business

Bill asked if Carol heard from Bob Pothier. She said he is still working on the building. She reminded him of the LCHIP deadline. He is aware the Moose Plate Grant work was to be done first and then the LCHIP work would begin, however, LCHIP work has already been done because it was easier when he had things apart. He has not been paid for the LCHIP work. Carol asked the board if he should be paid for the work he has done so far and if she should call LCHIP to see if they would have a problem with paying him now. All agreed. Russ suggested getting it in writing from LCHIP if they approve.

Bill said he has a barn full of old items and suggested the possibility of holding a well announced barn sale. The proceeds could be used to finish up all the other work on the Stage Coach Stop. Bill said he would donate his barn, and people could be asked to donate antique items. There are also old items stored in the Stage Coach Stop that could be sold. Everyone agreed it was a great idea.

Bill is unavailable to attend the next meeting which is August 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Gabrielle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE CREVATIS, CLERK

Amended/Approved on July 27, 2011 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on August 10, 2011