

**Heritage Commission
Danville, NH
Minutes of July 13, 2016 Meeting**

Members Present: Carol Baird (Chair), Amber-Rose McIntyre (Member), Judi Cogswell (Selectperson Member)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk), Marguerite Guilmette

Absent & Excused: Mary Ann DiStefano (Vice Chair), Linda Roth (Member), Michele Boyd (Alternate Member)

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

Draft Public Minutes of June 8, 2016

The draft minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Judi made a motion to accept the minutes of June 8, 2016 as revised. Amber-Rose seconded the motion. Judi and Amber-Rose abstained. The motion passed.

Draft Minutes-Red Schoolhouse Inspection on June 22, 2016

The draft minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Judi made a motion to accept the minutes of June 8, 2016 as revised. Amber-Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft Non-Public Minutes of May 11, 2016, May 25, 2016, June 8, 2016

A unanimous decision was made to defer these minutes until the next meeting when more members can be present who were involved in those meeting discussions.

Mail/Announcements

A postcard was received from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance regarding three upcoming events: "Interesting Features of Old Barns" on July 14, 2016 at Prescott Farm, "Generational Transfer of Property" on August 11 and 15, 2016, and "Sandwich - Open Barns Lecture and Tour" on August 20, 2016. Carol announced that if anyone wants to participate and there is a cost to let Carol know so that it can be paid from the budget.

A letter was received from the Northeast Paranormal Association in Kingston. The team does professional investigations of paranormal activity and lets the facts draw them to conclusions. Carol read their letter and they offered to arrange a public ghost hunt late in August during Old Home Day at the Old Meeting House. Per Carol, the Heritage Commission does not arrange Old Home Day so they must propose this to the Olde Meeting House Committee. The consensus was that it is too late for Old Home Day this year and will be brought up again at the next meeting where Sharon Woodside of the Recreation Committee may be present.

A monthly calendar was received from NH Humanities.

A newsletter was received from the NH Preservation Alliance.

An issue of *New Hampshire Town and City* was received and in it was information on water shed management, etc.

A note was received from Caleb Cretian, the Eagle Scout who is working on the Tuckertown Rangeway walking trail, updating the Heritage Commission on his efforts. His first fundraiser went so well that there is no need for a second. Carol will get out to the trail to get pictures of Caleb working.

Discussion

1. New Member Application for Alternate by Marguerite Guilmette (for one or two year term)

Marguerite Guilmette (present this evening) had contacted the Selectmen regarding an application for the alternate position. Carol had the form tonight. The Selectman forwarded her email to Heritage. She is very interested in the town history and in town government. She pointed out an interesting fact that Captain Hook is buried in Ye Olde Cemetery. The process is that the Heritage Commission must make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and she would have to be sworn in. Everyone was in agreement to send a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for a two year alternate term (which Marguerite agreed to). Amber-Rose made a motion to recommend Marguerite Guilmette for a two year term. Judi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Carol will submit a letter of recommendation to the Selectmen who meet next Monday and if approved an appointment slip will issue and Marguerite will need to go to the town hall to be sworn in.

2. Review of Report/Letter to Selectmen – Little Red Schoolhouse

Carol prepared the annual report with a cover letter for the Selectmen based upon the Heritage Commission's meeting and inspection held there on June 22, 2016. Carol offered to place Cab Fresh in the building and all agreed. John Thompson is painting the shutters and leaving them open long enough to dry adequately. Carol spoke to him and offered to go close them the next day. Concern was expressed about the two windows with no locks, and John will install locks. Patty contacted Carol regarding this. Judi will inform the police about them being open. Judi made a motion to submit Carol's letter and the Annual Monitoring Report on the Schoolhouse to the Board of Selectmen. Amber-Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Old Meeting House Stewardship Agreement – Status/Changes by OMHA

The Agreement was reviewed by Heritage and by the Board of Selectmen and it went to the Olde Meeting House Association for review. Carol received some suggested changes from them following their annual meeting in June and Chris Stafford, the president of the Association, told Carol they are having another meeting and will have more discussion on the Stewardship Agreement. Carol read their suggested changes. Carol then sent the OMHA a new draft with their suggested changes incorporated. Carol will let us know after hearing back from Chris. Per Carol, Heritage needs to sign the Agreement when it is finalized and it will be signed at the Old Meeting House. She asked the members if she would be authorized to sign

on behalf of the Heritage Commission and told them to think about it. Carol will inform the board at the next meeting if there are any more suggested changes by the Old Meeting House Association.

4. Recreation Rep (Sharon Woodside) – Next Meeting – October Event at Meeting House

Carol announced that Sharon Woodside will be present at the next meeting.

5. Old Home Day – Bulding Coverage and Stagecoach Stop Brochures

Old Home Day is scheduled to have historic buildings open on August 28, 2016. Aamber-Rose folded 50 brochures and will bring them to Carol's house. Carol will ask Linda for 50 more. They will be kept at the building and for the tour guides, as well as the Heritage Commission's regular brochures.

The Stagecoach Stop will be manned by the Heritage Commission from 1-4 p.m. Linda will loan costumes of that period in time to anyone who wants to wear one.

6. Stagecoach Stop – Status of Door Stabilizers

Following Heritage's June 8, 2016 meeting Carol met with Tom Powers who brought a stabilizer he designed. He will get them finished up in two to three weeks. Carol had a possible solution for the area of concern and that is to use a foam pool noodle to hide it.

Adjournment

At 8:28 p.m. Judi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aamber-Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS

Amended/Approved on July 27, 2016, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next meeting: July 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.