

**Heritage Commission  
Danville, NH  
Minutes of April 27, 2016 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Carol Baird (Chair), Judi Cogswell (Selectperson Member), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member), Michele Boyd (Alternate)

**Also Present:** Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

**Absent & Excused:** Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Aamber-Rose McIntyre (Member)

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

**Draft Minutes of April 13, 2016**

The draft minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting were reviewed and revised. Michele made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Mary Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mail/Announcements**

- A note was received from Melissa Butler of Kingston, NH, who, as part of her natural history class, asked for information on the Old Spofford Mill. Carol said she thinks that mill is actually in Kingston. If that is the case, then Carol has a contact who wrote a book on this specific mill named Bob Beane. Carol will confirm the mill is located in Kingston and will refer Ms. Butler to Mr. Bean. Everyone was in agreement with this.
- Regarding the RSA - Right to Know Law, Carol brought it to the Board's attention that the Supreme Court recently ruled that if a "Right to know" request is made for records and the records exist electronically, then the requestee is required to provide them electronically. If the records are not in electronic format, then the requestor must go view and/or copy the records. Carol pointed out that the Heritage Commission has sensitive documents due to their age and a person could come in and look at them at Patty's convenience, but not copy them.

**Discussion**

**1. Little Red Schoolhouse Plaque**

The plaque was finished and Carol picked it up and brought it in for this evening. It was agreed to be taken to the Stagecoach Stop when the members meet there next to discuss where it will be hung.

**2. Eagle Scout Trail Project**

Caleb Chretien will be at the Heritage Commission's meeting on May 11, 2016 to report on his progress, therefore a quorum will be necessary. Per Carol, most of the meeting will be dedicated to this matter and she will notify the Conservation Commission.

51 **3. Old Meeting House Draft Stewardship Plan**

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53 Carol brought in her draft of the Stewardship Agreement which needs to make its way to  
54 the Olde Meeting House Association for their annual meeting the first week of June. It was  
55 reviewed with slight revision, and approved.  
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57 Mary Ann made a motion to give Carol permission to email the final draft to Judi for the  
58 Board of Selectmen. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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60 **4. Stagecoach Stop & Store**

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62 a. Securing sliding door  
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64 Judi spoke with Tom Powers's wife who said he could probably help, as he works with metals.  
65 The Heritage Commission would pay him. Mary Ann made a motion to allow Carol to email  
66 LCHIP with information and seeking their permission to do what we want to do. Michele  
67 seconded the motion and it was unanimous.  
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69 Also, some type of material needs to be looked into for the expanding crack in the door, as  
70 there is a concern about moisture getting in there. Carol will look into this. She will also  
71 purchase cleaning supplies to be kept at the site.  
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73 The tentative date for the on-site visit to the Stagecoach Stop is May 21, 2016. The time will be  
74 determined at the next meeting.  
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76 **5. Community Outreach**

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78 a. October Halloween Event  
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80 Judi met with the recreation committee and they voted on helping with the project and the vote  
81 was unanimous. Stacy O'Connor, the Vice Chair, can work with us. Carol will email Ann (the  
82 Chair) about holding a joint meeting to further discuss this after June, as the Recreation  
83 Committee is very busy right now. Judi no longer serves on that board.  
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85 Carol announced she spoke to the speaker, Glenn A. Knoblock, and he usually does not work  
86 on weekends. He will be speaking on old NH cemeteries and gravestones. Halloween  
87 activities are to be held in the area of the Old Meeting House. The event will be open and free  
88 to the public. Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October at 2:00 p.m. would work for the speaker. His  
89 preference is to do a presentation as a walking tour through the cemeteries. Mary Ann  
90 suggested asking the police for help with escorting people. If the weather is bad, we could  
91 look into using the Old Meeting House and asking the Fire Chief to bring a generator if  
92 electricity is necessary.  
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94 The speaker recommended that we get our grant application in as soon as possible as funds  
95 sometimes run out in June. Carol called NH Humanities and they still have 130 grants  
96 available. Carol downloaded the application form and learned the application fee is \$50. NH  
97 Humanities Council will pay the speaker for his mileage at \$.50 for up to 100 miles. He comes  
98 from Wolfeboro which is 119 miles so we will owe him \$9.50.  
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Mary Ann made a motion we authorize Carol to pay the \$50 application fee and \$9.50 for the mileage for the speaker for a total of \$59.50, and for Carol to send the application to the NH Humanities Council. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Activity/Info Booth for Old Home Day

In addition to taking care of some historic buildings being opened up for Old Home Day Carol was concerned about the manpower and time for Heritage members. Everyone agreed this will be put on the back burner and kept in mind for next year.

Mary Ann suggested if we get the high school kids involved at the October event maybe they will like to work with the kids on this at Old Home Day. Per Judi, these students need to earn volunteering credits for school. Stacy O'Connor works with high school kids.

This will be moved to potential future projects.

**6. Ghost Hunter's Filming Request – Little Red Schoolhouse**

Judi brought this to the Board of Selectmen on Monday and they unanimously agreed to go forward with it and B. Whitehouse will be the town liaison.

**7. Other Business**

Per Carol we need to hold a meeting in the Little Red Schoolhouse to do our annual inspection report for the Board of Selectmen to bring to their attention the need for any repairs.

Judi has a scheduling conflict and can only attend a Heritage Commission meeting every other Wednesday due to it.

**8. Adjournment**

Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY CAROL BAIRD**

**Approved on May 11, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.**

**Next meeting: May 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**