

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
January 27, 2016

Present: Regular Members: Carol Baird (Chair), Joshua Horns (Selectmen's Member), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member), Amber-Rose McIntyre (Member)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent and Excused: Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Michele Boyd (Alternate)

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

Draft Minutes of January 13, 2016 Meeting

The draft minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Amber-Rose seconded the motion. Amber-Rose abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail/Announcements

- A new issue of *New Hampshire Town and City*. Carol said it pertains mostly to New Hampshire legislation and interaction with municipalities.

DISCUSSION

1. Reminiscences by Peter and Deb Meigs

Carol announced that the complete bound set of *Reminiscences* is now available for purchase at www.amazon.com and also free to residents at the town library. The Meigs' had stopped writing them in 2007 but recently had them copy righted and bound and gave a free set to the library. Per Carol, these publications were a great tool for the Heritage Commission in its research. They contain information such as farm histories, stories of properties here, the Tuckertown legend, the Olde Meeting House history, and stories of people who have lived in Danville all of their lives. The board agreed that Carol will scan the covers of these publications as well as the cover for *The History of Danville*, written by Ruth Rich, to the Heritage Commission's website informing people they are available at the library. Also, Bill Gard purchased a bound set of *Reminiscences* for the Heritage Commission.

2. Tuckertown Rangeway – Eagle Scout Project

Carol announced that Caleb had called her and said he is moving forward with the project and expects to have it done by October. He hopes to be at a Heritage Commission meeting in February. Carol told him to call her when doing any fundraising so she can inform the public on the air. Caleb will be back in touch.

Carol said that last year she had spoken with a woman whose name was Pam Morrisson Goudreau from Sandown, NH who heard of the scouts' work which was extending out to the Sandown line. She told Carol that she may try to get an easement out there on the Sandown side. She may be invited to a meeting of the Heritage Commission in the future.

Mary Ann will also inform the Conservation Commission of what is going on as they may get involved at some point. Carol reminded everyone that Heritage has to sign off on Caleb's plan initially and then probably again at the close of it. Also, Heritage will have to do an official notice to the abutters of the work to be done as it gets closer.

3. Decisions – 2016 Proposals/Goals

Carol put this on the agenda for review and priority assignment if the board decides to pursue them.

a. Meeting House – Stewardship Plan/Agreement

During the Cy Pres and attorney general discussion questions were raised as to who was responsible for what with regard to repair of the Olde Meeting House. The Board of Selectmen, the Olde Meeting House Association, and the Heritage Commission are the three entities involved. Carol suggested it should be put in writing i.e. what the functions of each group are with regard to oversight of the Old Meeting House. Carol will draft a letter to the Selectmen and ask them if they want Heritage to draft the document for all to review. Mary Ann suggested a joint meeting with the Olde Meeting House Association. Mary Ann made a motion that Carol send the Board of Selectmen a letter on behalf of the Heritage Commission asking if they would like us to do it. Amber-Rose seconded the motion. Joshua abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Town website-kids' corner

Carol has not heard from the school or Nikki DeSantis. Amber-Rose said she may be able to find a contact with the Danville Girl Scouts for help on this project. She will reach out and report back at the next meeting.

c. Plaques purchase – State Historic Register

Joshua said he spoke to Patty about the plaque and there is a budget it will come from but not the Heritage Commission's budget. He did not recall which one. Mary Ann suggested having color copies made of the plaque and laminated to hang in the building and in the town hall.

Mary Ann checked into Fox Laminating in W. Hartford, CT and the cost is approximately \$52.54 plus shipping and handling. She also checked into Memphis Laminating and the cost is \$50 to \$60 plus shipping and handling. The first company is the one to probably go with.

Mary Ann will check with Patty as to whose budget is the most appropriate.

Mary Ann announced that the Little Red Schoolhouse State Register listing announcement was in the Carriage Towne News today.

d. Little Red Schoolhouse

Joshua announced that the Board of Selectmen encumbered monies to do repairs at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

e. Pre-disaster planning project (historic sites and town records)

Carol reminded everyone that the town has already started a preliminary plan with FEMA, but it did not include a plan for all historic sites or preservation tactics if something happened with the town hall records i.e. flooding or a fire. This project would be to get a plan in place for this. The town hall is in a potential fire area due to the fields around it.

Carol explained it would take the board members' reading and researching a plan, meeting with the Selectmen, Fire Department, and Police Department. It would not have to be done this year, but it is something that could be looked into.

Mary Ann asked about digitalizing the records and Carol said it is a huge project and involves hand scanning or the expense of sending it out to be done.

Joshua had previously given Carol a copy of the plan the town has already done with FEMA which Carol emailed to the members. Per Carol, Northeast Document Center in Andover, MA has information online as to how to do a plan and a list of the supplies needed which she learned from Amy Dixon.

Mary Ann made a motion for Carol to send us the link from Northeast Document Center and FEMA. Amber-Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This project will be kept on the radar.

f. Bulletin board at town hall

Mary Ann suggested changing the bulletin board theme to one on the Little Red Schoolhouse as a first choice.

g. Guest speakers

Carol said she believes the NH Humanities Council will help arrange for a speaker to come to Danville to speak on numerous topics e.g. stone walls, New Hampshire's history, and genealogy. It must be arranged 10 weeks in advance with them and is limited to two per year. Carol will call for more details. This will be a fall project.

h. Newspaper/website articles

Per Carol, in the past Heritage Commission members had written articles about the town's history and historical sites. Bill Gard wrote most of them. We had arranged in the past with the prior publisher of the Carriage Towne News to have them published. The newspaper was purchased by the Lawrence Eagle Tribune so the connection is lost. Carol asked if anyone would be interested in writing new articles. This is something to be kept in mind.

i. Story hours at library

This is about talking to children in town in conjunction with the library to tell historic stories about the town. Carol said she would like it to be available to all kids on a weekend, an evening, or summer or school vacation. Mary Ann suggested asking senior citizens to tell a story about when they were kids growing up in Danville. Carol will talk to the library for their thoughts. This would be a summer project.

j. Stagecoach Stop

- Victorian door repair (crack) – Bob Pothier said the Heritage Commission can do this, and Carol has his instructions. It must be done when it is warm and dry.
- New locking mechanism; sliding track door – Josh had an excellent suggestion for a type of bar. Carol looked and found something unoffensive to the building and she will look more into it.
- Repair of volunteers/donors board – the printed paper has lifted and is no longer attached. Mary Ann will ask about suggestions including Mod Podge. This must be done when it is warm and dry.

The above are summer projects.

- Brochure – Carol will email this to all members to look at again and to be discussed at the next couple of meetings. Linda will not be at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Amber-Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK

Amended/Approved on February 10, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on February 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.