

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
August 12, 2015

Present: Regular Members: Carol Baird (Chair), Linda Roth (Vice Chair), Mary Ann DiStefano (Member), Joshua Horns (Selectmen Member)

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent and Excused: Aamber-Rose McIntyre (Alternate), Michele Boyd (Alternate)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Baird at 7:31 p.m. The meeting was televised.

Draft Minutes of July 22, 2015 Meeting

The draft minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mail/Announcements

- Carol announced the Heritage Commission still has the following seats open: full member (three year term) expiring in 2018 and one alternate member (three year term) expiring in 2018.
- A package was received from Nancy Heitz from Connecticut with a note from her and two copies of a program of the Old Home Service held at the Old Meeting House on August 27, 1937, and a picture of a house. Carol believes the house may be located in South Danville and dated 1910-1920 or earlier. Carol read Nancy's note. Nancy said she was cleaning out her parents' and grandparents' belongings and found these items. Madeline McGrath Wood is her mother, who was born in 1927. She attended the Eaton Elementary School. Carol will send Nancy a note thanking her for this information. Mary Ann suggested scanning the information and putting it on Heritage's website asking, "Do you know where this house is?"
- David Allen from Kentucky sent the Heritage Commission a donation for \$100. He had believed he was related to the Eastman Family from Kingston Road and asked Carol for help with genealogy on the family. Carol suggested checking the state archives. He did so and obtained the will of the great, great grandfather and from this he discovered that the person he has been looking for was adopted therefore he is not related to them. Carol will send him a thank you card. Mary Ann made a motion to put the donation of \$100 from David Allen into the Heritage Fund. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION & STATUS UPDATES

1. Stagecoach Stop – Outside Lighting/Building Condition

Mary Ann and Carol went to the site last Friday and found no evidence of rodent activity so the deterrent they had put in was helping. Everything was in good shape. They replaced the

batteries in the exterior spotlights. Replacing the batteries and rodent deterrent may need to be done each year in the fall. Batteries are \$20 and rodent deterrent is \$20.

Carol pointed out that the Heritage Commission is almost done with its work on the building. The easement ends in 2017. She queried whether any further work expense should be in the Heritage Commission's budget or in the Selectmen's budget, and mentioned that the Selectmen may want Heritage to do a Stewardship Agreement for the building.

2. New Town Website – Training and Re-creation of Heritage Commission Information

Per Carol it is hoped that the website will be up and running by the end of August or early September. The company that previously hosted the server for the old website said the server crashed and all information was lost. Carol only was able to find some Girl Scout page information on the Kids' Corner but the link is gone. She contacted Mitsy Skinner who will try to get the Girl Scout information back for us. Everything else needs to be recreated. The clerk needs to put the minutes back on as well. On Friday, August 14, 2015 there will be a website training webinar from 9 a.m. to 10:30 and Carol and Mary Ann will watch it.

3. Update and Status – Parsonage Fund and Cy Pres Petition

Carol announced that the Board of Selectmen had a discussion at their last meeting on this issue. Carol had given the Heritage Commission's letter to Joshua and he presented it to the Selectmen. Joshua updated the Heritage Commission tonight and said the Selectmen decided they will gather all the information and present it to the Attorney General's office and see what their position is with this new information.

Mary Ann suggested that the final Heritage Commission letter to the Selectmen be attached to these minutes. Mary Ann made a motion for Carol to email the final draft of the letter from the Heritage Commission to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Parsonage Fund and Cy Pres Petition to the clerk. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Red Schoolhouse – Inspection Report for Board of Selectmen

Carol prepared an official report of the inspection results and passed it around for review. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the Annual Monitoring Report for the Little Red Schoolhouse for the Board of Selectmen. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Carol will do a cover letter to the Selectmen to accompany the report pointing out there may be a potential rodent problem in the foyer and the ceiling area may need to be evaluated. She will suggest they contact us and we will recommend Bob Pothier or someone similar for the work.

5. Red Schoolhouse – Status of State Listing Application (Next Board Review is October)

Carol recited the history of our initial application which we sent to the New Hampshire Division of Historic Places in November 2014. Several months later we were contacted by the liaison for the Division with things she wanted changed in the application and we sent only the revisions to her at the end of March/early April. She was very busy but we did eventually get more changes from her. Carol made the changes and sent in a new application without photos in April. Today Carol spoke again with the liaison and was told the next review of applications by the Review Board is in October. The liaison said she would look at Heritage's application to

see if it is ready to go forward to them. Subsequent to the call Carol got an email from the liaison stating she needs the school history from the time the school closed to the present and she wants to know where the kids went to school after it closed and what has been done with the building since it closed. She also has more suggested revisions to the application. Carol will put something together for the next meeting.

6. Stagecoach Stop - Brochure

Mary Ann brought the draft brochure she put together and it was reviewed and suggestions made. The paper quality has not been discussed yet. Linda offered to print the brochures. All agreed color is better. Linda made a motion to allow Mary Ann to forward Carol's email with information regarding the Stagecoach Stop and Store. Joshua seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Town Pound Listing on State Register

Carol suggested this be put off due to all that is going on with the Red Schoolhouse application. Everyone agreed. Linda made a motion to put the research on the Town Pound off indefinitely. Mary Ann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Reminder: Old Home Day – August 23, 2015 Stagecoach Stop Staffing

Staffing for the Stagecoach Stop will be as follows:

1:00-3:00 Carol
2:00-3:00 Mary Ann
2:00-4:00 Michele
3:00-4:00 Linda
Joshua – as available

ADJOURNMENT

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Mary Ann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK

Amended/Approved on September 9, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on September 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.