

Meeting Minutes
Danville Heritage Commission
June 24, 2015

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

Also Present: Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent and Excused: Linda Roth (Vice Chair)

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

Carol appointed Amber-Rose as a voting member in the absence of Linda for the purposes of tonight's meeting.

Revised Draft Minutes of May 13, 2015 Meeting

The revised draft minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Amber-Rose seconded the motion. Joshua abstained. The motion passed.

Draft Minutes of June 17, 2015 Meeting

The draft minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting were reviewed and changes made. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Amber-Rose seconded the motion. Joshua abstained. The motion passed.

Mail/Announcements

- Heritage Commission Openings: one full member (three year term) and two alternate members (1-one year term and 1-three year term).
- An acknowledgment from the Treasurer's office that the \$200 check received from LCHIP has been deposited into the Heritage Fund.
- An application was received from Michelle Boyd, who is Mary Ann DiStefano's daughter, and she is applying for the alternate one year position on the Heritage Commission. She has not gone to the Selectmen yet. Amber-Rose made a motion we submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending her appointment. Joshua seconded the motion. Mary Ann abstained. The motion passed. Carol will give the letter to Patty.

DISCUSSION & STATUS UPDATES

1. Review of Heritage Commission Procedures

Carol noticed the procedures were last updated in 2012. There is a provision in them that they must be reviewed every three years. Mary Ann made a motion to allow Carol to email the procedures to the members of the commission. Amber-Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The procedures will be reviewed in September.

51 2. Draft Congratulations Letter to Jim Garvin

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53 At the last meeting Carol announced that the Humanities Council is 40 years old this year and
54 they are celebrating by naming 40 people who made outstanding contributions. It was decided
55 that Heritage would draft a congratulatory letter to Jim Garvin, who is on the list. Carol brought
56 the letter tonight and it was read, approved and signed. Carol will mail the letter.
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58 3. LCHIP Grant Round for Disaster Planning

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60 At the last meeting a notice was received from Amy Dixon from NHDHR regarding a new grant
61 funding application available which is based on emergency management and disaster planning
62 of historic properties. Carol was to draft a letter to the Selectmen for review at the next
63 meeting asking if the town would be interested in pursuing this.
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65 Tonight Carol said she thought about that and instead of drafting a letter she queried whether
66 the town might belong to a regional planning commission where this might be covered.
67 Joshua suggested asking the Planning Board about this. Carol expressed concern about the
68 grant requirements of pay first and get reimbursed afterwards, as well as the August deadline.
69 It was decided the grant is not relevant this year but it may be next year. Carol will talk to Patty
70 about it.
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72 4. Status research Project – Parsonage Fund and Cy Pres Petition

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74 Carol has information from the state archives including the Board of Selectmen early accounts,
75 Parsonage box records and early minutes. She has gone through the Board of Selectmen
76 books dated up to 1791. She had to transcribe the minutes as they were difficult to read. She
77 still needs to go through the town meeting minutes. She hopes to organize her materials by
78 year and pull out any significant information. She also still needs to go through the Parsonage
79 records which are dated 1830-1850s. Carol discovered that the NH Historic Society has
80 Parsonage records book dated 1790-1829. It may have been donated to them. It was thought
81 that with all that was going on in New Hampshire at that time i.e. the adoption of the
82 constitution, women's suffrage movement, and the separation of church and state act, the
83 state was in turmoil. What was happening in town was changing with all these changes
84 occurring. Townships had to respond with how they did business and handled things.
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86 Carol will continue to work on this and she asked Joshua to explain to the Board of Selectmen
87 that she has lots of information to go through before a meeting can be scheduled with them.
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89 Per Carol, an email was sent to the Heritage Commission from Curt Springer with thoughts he
90 had regarding the Cy Pres Petition.
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92 It was decided that Joshua will bring the Board of Selectmen up to speed on what is
93 happening. He will also go through the Heritage Commission records. Carol will finish
94 gathering and organizing her information. A meeting will be scheduled soon with the Board of
95 Selectmen who said there is no hurry or deadline.
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97 5. Stagecoach Stop and Store Bookmarks and Brochure

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99 Carol emailed to all members a draft from uprinting.com of the bookmarks. All agreed it was
100 fine. Mary Ann is still working on the brochure which will be 8.5 x 14.

Carol passed out a timeline of the Stage Coach Stop project. Mary Ann made a motion that Carol be allowed to send it to her electronically. Joshua seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mary Ann will work on the time line synopsis and bring it back to the board. She will attempt to include it in the brochure. The hope is to get the bookmarks and brochure finished before Old Home Day. The last meeting in July is the goal for completion.

6. Website Links – new website (Beehive Hut, Jim Garvin Site and more)

Per Carol, all members should view what is on the current website as the website committee will be transferring the information to the new website and the end of July is the target date. Heritage will now be able to add its own information. Links should be checked to make sure they are still working. Carol suggested a link can be added to a video a man made on Danville and the Beehive Hut. Heritage can use it as long as he is given credit. Another suggested link is Jim Garvin's own website which has all kinds of reports regarding Danville's history.

7. Little Red Schoolhouse July 8 Meeting

Carol explained that the Heritage Commission has a stewardship agreement with the Board of Selectmen to monitor the Little Red Schoolhouse and do yearly inspections of it and notify them of the status by the end of August.

It was decided that the Heritage Commission will meet at the Little Red Schoolhouse in order to do this on July 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. rather than the usual meeting time of 7:30 p.m. There will also be a brief agenda. The meeting will be televised but shown at a later date.

8. Old Home Day August 23, 2015

At the end of July meeting discussion will take place about building coverage and whether members will dress up they did last year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Amber-Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES PREPARED BY LAURIE J. CREVATIS, CLERK

Amended/Approved on July 8, 2015 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on July 8, 2015 at the Little Red Schoolhouse at 7:00 p.m.