

## ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGE COACH SCENIC BYWAY

Town Hall, Atkinson, NH

January 21, 2013, 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions

Scott Bogle of Rockingham Planning Commission opened the meeting, thanked everyone for coming, and reviewed the agenda. In the absence of an official chair, John Wolters was asked to chair the meeting on behalf of Atkinson. Attendees introduced themselves:

Carol Grant (Atkinson)

Linda Jette (Atkinson)

Dan Kimball (Atkinson)

John Wolters (Atkinson)

Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)

Stoney Worster (Auburn)

Jean Methot (Chester)

Gary Van Geyte (Chester)

Tina Harrington (Hampstead)

Rob Morris (Hampstead)

Scott Bogle (RPC)

Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. Meeting Notes from November 19, 2012

Scott Bogle asked for approval of the meeting notes from November 19. Elizabeth Robidoux abstained from voting, as she was absent from the previous meeting. **Jean Methot made a motion to approve the notes from November 19. The motion was seconded by Stoney Worster and carried unanimously.**

3. Progress on Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

Scott led a roundtable discussion about progress on resource inventories from the five byway towns. Updates included:

- Hampstead: most resources have been input into the online form, but there are no photos yet. Rob Morris asked about whether or not to include 5-6 taverns along NH Rte. 121. These are not open to the public, and only some have historical plaques. Jean said that, in Chester, he interviewed residents of private historical structures for permission to include in an historical resource inventory. In addition to the interview, a follow up letter was suggested to confirm consent.
- Atkinson: a complete resource inventory exists, but has not yet been input into survey monkey; photos are also forthcoming.
- Auburn: 4-5 inventory forms have been completed; there may be merit in waiting until spring to capture more attractive photos of points of interest.
- Chester: Jean sent photos to Scott for inclusion. Jean asked Adam Hlasny to look for a study done by SNHPC in 1984 called A Cultural Survey of Chester.

The group agreed that one month would be an appropriate timeframe for completing resource inventories, other than taking new photos.

There was some discussion about holding a public input session in either March or April 2013, after the next byway council meeting in February. It was debated whether to have two public

meetings, one for the Frost section of the byway, and the other for the Stagecoach. The general consensus was that it would make more sense to consolidate and hold one public meeting for simplicity and unification purposes. Furthermore, a low turnout is expected.

Rob expressed concern that a great deal of work is being done on the byway without guarantee that it would be approved by NH DOT. Scott said that Dean Eastman tried to convene the state byway committee in November/December, but was unable to do so; he volunteered to call Dean for a status update in the coming days.

Adam revealed the full size accident map that had been created by Amy Kizak at SNHPC. The group studied the map and decided that a list of the top 10 most dangerous intersections should be compiled by the next meeting, as a part of the safety evaluation component of the CMP. Lane and shoulder widths, as well as traffic count data, should also be mapped for inclusion in the CMP, if possible. Also, a land use assessment should be completed along the corridor, using current land use/zoning maps with a ½ mile buffer along the main byway route. This map would include demarcations for historic districts, village overlay districts if applicable, and parts of towns with design standards.

4. Other Business

The election of officers was deferred to the next meeting, due to lack of representation from Derry.

5. Next Steps/Next Meeting

**Jean made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Stoney and the meeting stood adjourned at approximately 8:32 pm.**

The next meeting was scheduled for **Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:00pm** at the Auburn Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Hlasny, SNHPC

**Minutes approved: February 25, 2013**