

## ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGE COACH SCENIC BYWAY

Municipal Complex, Derry, NH

March 25, 2013, 7:00 PM

### DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions

Richard Holmes of Derry opened the meeting, welcomed everyone to Derry, and reviewed the agenda. Richard made it clear that he would chair the meeting only until officers were elected. Attendees introduced themselves:

John Wolters (Atkinson)  
Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)  
Stoney Worster (Auburn)  
Jean Methot (Chester)  
David Gomez (Derry)  
Richard Holmes (Derry)  
Margaret Ives (Derry)

Mark Osborne (Derry)  
George Sioras (Derry)  
Rob Morris (Hampstead)  
Scott Bogle (RPC)  
Katrina Crocker (SNHPC)  
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. Meeting Notes from February 25, 2013

Richard asked for approval of the meeting notes from January 21. **Jean Methot made a motion to approve the notes from February 25. The motion was seconded by George Sioras and carried unanimously.**

The request in the February 25<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) participation in Council meetings via a non-voting member was briefly mentioned again. It was reaffirmed that their participation would be welcome.

3. Election of Officers

Both Jean Methot and Elizabeth Robidoux were nominated as chair. Jean declined the nomination. George made a motion to accept Elizabeth as chair; the motion was seconded by Jean and carried unanimously. Rob Morris was nominated as vice chair, but declined the nomination. Jean accepted a nomination as vice chair; the motion carried unanimously. Margaret Ives nominated David Gomez as secretary. The motion was seconded by George and carried unanimously. There was some conversation pertaining to David's ability to perform secretarial duties while being an alternate council member. There was no verbiage in the bylaws to prevent this, and the council agreed that as long as David attends all the meetings, he is eligible to be secretary.

4. Progress on Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

Scott Bogle distributed a 9-page list of the 92 resource inventory entries that have been received so far. This table will likely appear as an appendix in the CMP, possibly accompanied by photos. At a previous meeting, the council agreed that it would be prudent to wait for spring/summer to take new photos of historic/cultural/natural resources. Scott also distributed a list of the 14 FHWA-required elements of a CMP. Rob suggested involving

stakeholders in the Adopt-a-Highway program for a signage-related discussion. Scott volunteered to talk to Dean Eastman at NH DOT and attempt to schedule an appearance by DOT's sign specialist at the next meeting. Adam Hlasny gave a brief update on the status of the maps, saying that SNHPC GIS staff will have revised versions ready for the April 6, 2013 public input session. Revisions include adding new inventory items, refining exact locations of previously mapped landmarks, attributing the Griffin Free Public Library to Auburn, noting that the Griffin Mill Bridge is public, not private (though it may be due for closure), and correcting the Lake Massabesic hiking paths entry to say that the trails cover 1/3 of the town. Scott said that key next steps will be processing public input, further refining maps, and beginning to assemble the chapters of the CMP.

5. Public Input Session Agenda & Publicity

Scott distributed the following materials: a handout on the byway that reflects updates to the original concept paper and includes its current status, slides for local access television use and a one-page flyer to advertise the session, sample text for a detailed invitation, and an agenda for the session. Press releases have been/will be sent to the appropriate newspapers, using text that has already been written. Scott requested quotes regarding the byway from members. Members recommended various news outlets and contacts for the press releases. Refreshments for the session will be supplied by RPC, and the town of Derry. The agenda for the session was discussed along with various logistical considerations. Richard will bring several informational posters, designed by UNH, on Robert Frost to the meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the status of the byway's approval at NH DOT. Scott said that he has contacted Dean Eastman several times to check up on the status of the nomination, which was submitted in the summer of 2012. Scott suggested that RPC talk to Bill Watson, Dean's boss, to ask what could be done to move along the review of the Nomination. Scott added that any letters of support from byway communities might expedite the process; he agreed to send out a template letter to be signed by byway council members and be submitted to NH DOT.

6. Next Steps/Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:00pm** at a Hampstead location to be determined. Rob said he would check into the availability of town facilities and get back to the group prior to the meeting.

Adam requested that feedback on the landmarks map, be sent to them ASAP. Adam and Scott requested feedback on the inventory as well. The need for information on historic districts and design was mentioned.

**Jean made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Stoney Worster and the meeting stood adjourned at approximately 8:07 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Adam Hlasny & Katrina Crocker, SNHPC