

ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGE COACH SCENIC BYWAY

Old Meeting House, Hampstead, NH

May 13, 2013, 7:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions

Rob Morris of Hampstead opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and gave a 10-minute history of the Old Meeting House. Attendees introduced themselves:

Dan Kimball (Atkinson)
John Wolters (Atkinson)
Stoney Worster (Auburn)
Jean Methot (Chester)
Richard Holmes (Derry)
George Sioras (Derry)

Tina Harrington (Hampstead)
Rob Morris (Hampstead)
Julie Pike (Molly Reid Chapter, DAR)
Scott Bogle (RPC)
Katrina Crocker (SNHPC)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. Review minutes from March 25, 2013

Jean asked for approval of the meeting notes from March 25. Adam apologized that there were no paper copies available to review. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Public Input Session Recap

Scott distributed handouts qualitatively analyzing responses from the April 6, 2013 public input session. Comments were placed in the following overarching categories:

- Awareness/Pride
- Conservation/Protection
- Economic Development
- Traffic Safety
- Infrastructure
- Marketing
- Education/Interpretation
- Support Building
- Management

These categories could become the basis for the byway's Corridor Management Plan (CMP) goals if agreed upon by the council. Several comments from the public input session were clarified; for instance, a member recalled that "Protection for homes" was intended to mean protection of the privacy of residents from tourist intrusiveness.

4. Progress on Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

Scott handed out the goals and objectives from the General John Stark Scenic Byway (GJSSB), which was approved in late 2008. He suggested the group review these, and base the Frost/Stagecoach byway goals and objectives on them. Rob added that it made good sense to borrow strongly from the language in the GJSSB CMP, and not "reinvent the wheel". Scott said that RPC and SNHPC staff could edit the specifics of the document and adapt it for Frost/Stagecoach Byway usage. Specific comments on language in the GJSSB document included the following:

- Jean expressed reservations about the “Certified Local Government” language, as there is a general wariness regarding government involvement in town affairs
- Scott noted that Safe Routes to School funding will no longer exist in its current form under MAP-21, the federal transportation bill enacted on October 1, 2012. (Funding for this and other alternatives will now be available under the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program instead. He suggested that this should be revised.

Rob asked if there is a need for an immediate vote on anything pertaining to the goals and objectives. Scott noted that the purpose of viewing the GJSSB goals/objectives was to absorb and brainstorm possibilities. After RPC and SNHPC have adapted these to better reflect Frost/Stagecoach specifications, they would be sent out digitally, and likely voted on at the next meeting.

Scott also briefly went over the marketing plan and finishing up the resource inventory, stating that it is currently a favorable time of year to take photos of attractions along the byway. As discussed at previous meetings, the council should arrange for photos that are needed to be taken during this season.

Adam distributed handouts of top 10 accident locations along the byway. He explained that this list is a more concise version of the much larger accident database that was used to create the accident map, and includes data from 2002-2009/10. While this data will be useful for the CMP, the GJSSB CMP does not have a quantitative analysis of accident data, but rather a more subjective discussion and list of dangerous intersections. Several of the accident sites were discussed briefly.

5. Next Steps/Next Meeting

Due to Liz’s absence, the group decided not to schedule a specific date for the next meeting. Several council members said that August would work out better than July. It was determined that Scott and Adam would touch base with Liz next week and send out a poll to schedule an August meeting.

Jean made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Stoney and the meeting stood adjourned at approximately 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Hlasny & Katrina Crocker, SNHPC