

ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGE COACH SCENIC BYWAY
Old Meeting House, Hampstead
June 20, 2016, 7:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions

Chair Jean Methot opened the meeting at 7:12 pm. Those in attendance included:

Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)
Jean Methot, Chair (Chester)
Rick Holmes (Derry)
Tina Harrington (Hampstead)
Rob Morris (Hampstead)

Julie Pike (Molly Reid DAR)
Christine Sharbrough (Molly Reid DAR)
Scott Bogle (RPC)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. Review of Minutes – March 21, 2016

Motion to approve March minutes made by Elizabeth Robidoux, seconded by Julie Pike. Tina Harrington abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Status Updates

- Rick reported that despite many calls, emails, and knocks on the door, the designer for the Robert Frost sign has been unresponsive. He strongly hopes to have made progress by the next meeting.
- Old Stagecoach signage has been installed in Auburn and Chester. The Chester signs are slightly smaller (18x18”) than the Atkinson and Auburn signs (24x24”). The Auburn signs were not installed at proper distances apart, and some were installed on the posts of existing Stop signs. Scott mentioned that the Stark Scenic Byway has a list of lat/long points for its sign locations; we should be able to do that using Google Earth.
- There was some discussion of State Scenic & Cultural Byway signs. Currently there is one at the southern end of the byway in Atkinson. There is potential to place one in each town, or at least at the beginning and endpoints of the route. The idea of placing small signs at destinations (such as Hampstead Old Meeting House) was also mentioned.
- In terms of funding opportunities, it was agreed that local businesses would benefit more from increased tourism than the towns themselves. Jean cautioned about approaching the same businesses multiple times. To raise initial funding for the website (~\$500), it was decided that each town rep would ask his/her respective Board of Selectmen or Historical Society, so as to get a website up and functional in a timely fashion. Julie also volunteered a \$100 contribution from Molly Reid Chapter of the DAR. With the pledge of \$100 from each town, Rob said he would talk to Steve, the web designer, to get the website project in motion.

4. Other Business

- Elizabeth said that she will be able to borrow a GoPro camera to mount on her dashboard and record a drive around the byway. Rick mentioned that Lesley Frost will

- be paying a visit to Derry next week; perhaps she could be called upon to do a bit of narration, or at least an introduction to the byway video.
- Scott requested that we gather one or two artistic photos from each town that could be used as a rotating banner for the website. Ideally, we would get photos of these 5-10 points of interest in all four seasons. Summer festival shots would also be good to include on a future byway website.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Stevens Hall in Chester on **Monday, September 19, 2016**.

Motion to adjourn by Julie Pike, seconded by Elizabeth Robidoux.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by Adam Hlasny, SNHPC