

ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGE COACH SCENIC BYWAY

Hampstead Historical Society

November 14, 2016, 7:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions

Chair Jean Methot opened the meeting at 6:59 pm. Those in attendance included:

Gwen Grotenhuis (Atkinson)

Linda Jette (Atkinson)

Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)

Stoney Worster (Auburn)

Jean Methot, Chair (Chester)

Rick Holmes (Derry)

George Sioras (Derry)

Rob Morris (Hampstead)

Scott Bogle (RPC)

Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. Review of Minutes – September 19, 2016

It was revealed that nobody took minutes at the September meeting.

3. Derry Cable TV Appearance 11/17

In preparation for the upcoming interview for Derry Cable TV, the group decided to emphasize the following:

- Explain what the scenic byway is, as many people aren't familiar. Clarify that despite its 'scenic' moniker, much of this particular byway's draw is its cultural/historical significance.
- The benefits of the byway to towns and businesses should be a main focus. Will Stewart can address the business angle.
- In addition to the above information, special events such as Atkinson's daffodil plantings and Chester's annual scarecrow exhibition, merit highlighting.
- Upon completion of the roughly two-hour interview, the pared-down footage will be made available to all byway towns. When combined with a display of the byway map and driving footage, it should be an excellent resource to include on the upcoming website.

4. Status Updates

- **Website:** Rob noted that the web designer (Steve) has been hospitalized of late, and has been slightly delayed on getting the website underway. He should have something up and running soon, which Rob will share with the byway council before going public. It was also mentioned that high quality photos from the five byway towns will be needed going forward; submissions from council members will be welcomed.
- **Signage installation:** Scott distributed the signage maintenance agreement and specifications sheet required by NH DOT in order for signage to be

installed along the byway. He noted that there is an indemnification clause that may be cause for unease. To assuage concerns, the council agreed to have representatives from each town (i.e. town administrator or board of selectmen) sign the documentation. Liz revealed the new 24x24" Frost Byway sign, noting that of the \$2,500 cost for 24 signs, \$2,000 was donated by Calvary Christian Academy, with the remaining funds coming from Derry Town Council. She added that the signs have already been installed on Derry's local roads.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Derry Municipal Center on **Monday, February 13, 2017**.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Adam Hlasny, SNHPC