

**Heritage Commission
Danville, NH
Minutes of July 27, 2016 Meeting**

Members Present: Carol Baird (Chair), Mary Ann DiStefano (Vice Chair), Linda Roth (Member)
Marguerite Guilmette (Alternate) Judi Cogswell (Selectman Member)

Absent & Excused: Michele Boyd (Alternate Member) Laurie Crevatis (Clerk)

Absent: Aamber-Rose McIntyre

Also Present: Stacie O'Connor, Danville Recreation Committee (Rec Com), Dwight and Linda
Simes, NE Paranormal Association (NEPNA)

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was televised and live streamed. In the absence of the HC clerk, Carol announced that Mary Ann DiStefano (member) has agreed to keep the minutes. She then welcomed Marguerite Guilmette to her first meeting as a member of the Heritage Commission (HC) and thanked her for volunteering. Marguerite announced she was sworn in the day before. Carol gave Marguerite copies of the HC Rules of Procedures, alerting her to the strict email policy of the commission.

In the absence of Aamber-Rose McIntyre, Carol appointed Marguerite Guilmette (alternate) a voting member for the evening.

Carol introduced Stacie O'Connor, representing the Recreation Committee at this meeting in the hopes of coordinating an event with the HC with the Rec Com. Carol apprised Stacie that the HC has arranged for a speaker, with a grant from the NH Humanities, {New Hampshire Cemeteries and Gravestones}. He is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30th, 2-4PM. and plans on a walking graveyard tour. Per Carol, he may walk the Meeting House and/or Ye Olde Cemeteries. Carol continued informing that the HC is hopeful the Rec Com may plan other activities that day, which is 2 days before Halloween. Stacie suggested bringing to the Rec Com the idea of a spooky walk on the trail to Tuckertown road. She recommended asking for high school age volunteers as trail guides. Ideas tossed about by the HC members and Stacie included: refreshments such as a fire pit, s'mores and hot chocolate near the Herron Pond, lighting lanterns along the trail, hot doge and dressing up as characters for Halloween. Also mentioned was educating attendees about the history of Danville and the Tucker family. Carol asked Stacie to return to the HC after discussing the event with the Rec Com and bring ideas how the HC can assist. Safety issues for the event were considered such as police presence for safely crossing 111a and parking, as well as asking the fire department for assistance with the fire pit. Stacie offered to contact the police and fire department. Carol mentioned that in case of bad weather, the presentation would be held in the meeting house. The need for a mic for the speaker was discussed. Carol will email the speaker to see if he has one of his own. Judi (or Linda?) may be able to borrow a battery operated one if needed. Stacie will bring this information to the Rec Com at their next meeting, August 9th and agreed to return to the September 14th HC meeting. Carol thanked Stacie for her attendance and input.

Carol then introduced Dwight and Linda Simes, members of the NE Paranormal Association. {nepanh.org}. They look for paranormal activity all over northern NE. She noted they first introduced themselves at the Stage Coach Stop. They do not charge for their events and have raised money at some events such as the one on the Kingston Plains, raising more money for a Kingston Church than any other event. Although interested in the idea, the consensus of the HC was we cannot add this to our busy calendar at this time and suggested it may be something for the Rec Com to consider. Carol thanked them for coming to our meeting.

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Draft Minutes: Carol announced that due to the absence of the HC clerk, she will defer reviewing the July 13th draft public meeting minutes and three sets of non public draft minutes until the next meeting.

Mail/Announcements: Carol passed around the latest, August, calendar from the NH Humanities, noting that they will advertise our Halloween event speaker in their October calendar.

Discussions and Status Updates: Carol updated the members on the changes suggested to the Old Meeting House Stewardship Agreement, by the Olde Meeting House Association (OMHA). A written copy with the changes "bolded" was distributed. Each suggested change was discussed by the HC. There were two areas that met with some question. Under **PARTIES** paragraph 3 it was the consensus of the HC that an addition be added to the sentence "The OMHA organization obtained Section 501 (c)(3) designated under the IRS code on November 12, 2015." The sentence should continue, "as a public charity under 509 (A)(2)", because this was contained in the same IRS letter dated November 12th. Another area of discussion was the sentence "enforcement of these policies shall be by the Board of Selectman (BOS)" This sentence was ~~struck through~~ by the OMHA, who wants that entire sentence deleted. The consensus of the members was that all suggested changes by the OMHA and HC should be finalized by the BOS. Chris Stafford, OMHA chairman, has permission of the OMHA to sign the completed stewardship plan at the BOS meeting to be held at the Old Meeting house on Friday, August 27th. A motion was made by Mary Ann, seconded by Judi to allow Carol Baird, chair of the HC, to sign the agreement on behalf of the HC. It passed with Carol abstaining.

Carol informed the members that she visited the east side of the Tuckertown walking trail on the day Caleb Cretian was working on his Eagle Scout project. He informed Carol that on the day of the car wash a gentleman offered to donate all the Trek material needed for building the bridges. It was brought to Carol's attention that the grass at the entrance to the other end of the trail is almost 2 feet tall obscuring the sign at the entrance. She was told that this year the scouts will weed whack the area. She stated wood chips have been placed there in the past to keep the weeds down and this is something we will have to watch in the future. She commented that Caleb has done a great job so far and has raised the most money of any Danville Eagle Scout candidate. She took photos of Caleb and got permission to put photos in the town report.

Carol then updated the group on new information discovered regarding the Old Meeting House Development. She distributed two (2) letters and a GIS photo regarding findings which she has prepared for the Planning Board (PB). The first letter was about Lot 75-1. She did some further research after Mr. Hatch's, surveyor, presentation at the June 23th planning board meeting and agreed with him on one point but found another area of concern. Carol asked for permission to bring this letter to the PB. Mary Ann made a motion, seconded by Judi allowing Carol Baird to deliver this letter to the PB at tomorrow's meeting. After some discussion of Carol's research and findings, listed in the second letter regarding this same development, a motion was made by Linda, seconded by Marguerite authorizing Carol to also deliver this letter to the PB.

Carol asked Marguerite for permission to distribute her contact information to the HC clerk and members. A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Mary Ann allowing Marguerite to send Carol her contact info to be distributed to the HC members and clerk. The motion passed.

No further issues or concerns were brought to the floor.

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Adjournment: At 8:50 p.m. Linda made a motion, seconded by Marguerite to adjourn the meeting which passed unanimously.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY MARY ANN DISTEFANO
Heritage Commission Member**

Amended/Approved on August 10, 2016 by majority vote of the Commission.

Next meeting: August 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.