



Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Council

Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH

Minutes

Council Members Present:

John Clark (Webster), Chair

Katie Nelson (CNHRPC), Secretary

Joe Schmidl (Salisbury)

Bob French (Henniker)

Clyde Carson (Warner)

Public Present:

Kelly LaPlante (Henniker)

Members Absent: *Jim O'Brien (Hopkinton), LeeAnne Vance (Hopkinton), Ken Erikson (Henniker)*

The meeting started at 6:37 p.m. With five members present, the meeting did not have a quorum.

1. Approval of the 10/20/15 Minutes

Without a quorum, the minutes could not be voted upon.

2. Treasurer's Report

Katie presented the treasurer's report to members present. One expenditure of \$25.00 was reported. Katie noted that the twenty-five dollar expenditure was used to pay the filing fee for the Byway Council's annual nonprofit report. Katie also noted that she filed the Byway Council's report and submitted the fee after the Council's 10/20/15 meeting.

3. Administrative Update and Election of Officers

Without a quorum, election of officers could not be voted upon.

4. Subcommittee and Project Updates

- **Ballot by Mail:** Interest was expressed among the Council in seeking an alternative way to vote to the change the Bylaw's that define a quorum. Ideas were a ballot by mail or a group voting through a recorded email that could be submitted with meeting minutes. Katie will look into these options.
- **Membership:** John presented a draft letter to be sent out to each Byway community's Board of Selectmen seeking interested volunteers to join the Council. Clyde noted that the letter should also be sent to the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce. Clyde mentioned that the letter should be sent to Patrick Miller and provided his e-mail address to the group. It was also suggested that the letter be edited so that it could be given to individuals, such as a business owner. Katie will send out the letter to the five Board of Selectmen and also send an edited letter for individuals to the members of the Byway Council so that they can distribute as needed.
- **Byway Extension:** As suggested at the previous Council meeting, the idea of extending the Byway towards Rollins State Park was discussed, as it would incorporate Warner's business community. It was unanimously agreed by the group that those available would like to attend the next New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Council Meeting hosted at NHDOT to present the Council's desire to extend the byway. Katie will talk to Mike Tardiff from CNHRPC to find out when the next New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Council Meeting is scheduled and to add Currier and Ives to the agenda.
- **Signs:** As no quorum was present, the Council was unable to vote to purchase additional and replacement signs. As new or replacement signs are only needed in Warner and Webster, Clyde (Warner) and John (Webster) will talk to their Town Board of Selectmen for interest in the Town purchasing the signs. Based off the quote received from GraniteCor Industries in Jan. 2015, the group would prefer to purchase six signs. Bob (Henniker) will also talk to Henniker's Board of Selectmen for the purchase of a sign. Katie will receive an updated quote from GraniteCor Industries within the next few weeks.

Potential sign order by Town:

Warner -2

Henniker -2

Webster – 1

Bob also mentioned to the group that he noticed one of the Currier and Ives signs in Henniker had fallen. After discussion, the group was in agreement that Bob should retrieve the sign before it becomes more damaged by laying on the side of the road and save it to be put up at a later date.

No other projects were discussed due to lack of attendance.

5. Other Business

The next Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016 in Salisbury.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Council Members** will work to contact new potential members to increase membership of the Council.
2. **Council Members** from the communities of Warner, Webster, and Henniker will find out how many new byway signs are needed in their community. They will also inquire if funding for the purchase of new signs is available.
3. **CNHRPC** will confirm the date and time of the next New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byway Council meeting and inquire if a Council member from Currier and Ives is able to attend.
4. **CNHRPC** will send out a letter to each Byway community seeking additional membership. CNHRPC will also provide a “personal invitation” letter to the Byway Council so to be used by Council members when needed.
5. **CNHRPC** will contact GraniteCor Industries for an updated price quote for the purchase of Byway signs.
6. **CNHRPC** will find out if the Council has the option to participate in a ballot by mail or casting a vote through a group email.
7. **Joe** will reserve a meeting space in Salisbury for the June 16th Byway Council Meeting.
8. **All members** will look for opportunities to publicize and support the scenic Byway in the area towns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Nelson (Byway Council Secretary) of CNHRPC.