



Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Council

Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
9 Old Coach Road, Salisbury, NH

Minutes

Council Members Present:

John Clark (Webster), Chair

Bob French (Henniker), Vice Chair

Katie Nelson (CNHRPC), Secretary

Ben Fortner (Henniker)

Kelley Laplante (Henniker)

Ken Ross-Raymond (Salisbury)

Clyde Carson (Warner)

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

The meeting started at 6:45 P.M., called to order by the Chair, John Clark. John Clark open the floor to meeting attendees, and all present introduced themselves.

It was noted that Ken Ross-Raymond was present on behalf of Joe Schmidl who was unable to attend. Additionally, Kelley LaPlante from the Town of Henniker was present. Both Ken Ross-Raymond and Kelley LaPlante volunteered to join the Byway Council as Council Members. Ben Fortner (Henniker) was noted as an appointed representative by the Henniker Board of Selectmen to join the Council as a Council Member.

1. Approval of the 03/17/16 Minutes

A quorum was observed to be present. The minutes of the 03/17/16 meeting were brought up for comment. **Bob French moved, seconded by Clyde Carson, to accept and approve the minutes. The motion carried.**

2. Treasurer's Report

Katie presented the treasurer's report to members present. It was noted that no expenditures or receipts have been made, totaling a balance of \$236.05. Katie noted

that a twenty-five dollar expenditure was reported at the previous meeting to pay the filling fee for the Byway Council's annual nonprofit report. **John Clark moved, seconded by Bob French to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 21, 2016. The motion carried.**

3. Administrative Update and Election of Officers

After discussion, it was proposed to keep all officers in their elected positions, with the exception of LeeAnne Vance who was not present at the meeting. Clyde Carson will fill the position. The proposed slate:

John Clark (Webster), Chair
Bob French (Henniker), Vice Chair
Ken Erikson (Henniker), Treasurer
Katie Nelson (CNHRPC), Secretary
Clyde Carson (Warner), At-Large Office

The election of nominated officer position was moved by Ken Ross-Raymond and seconded by John Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Subcommittee and Project Updates

- **Byway Extension:** As discussed at previous Council meetings, the idea of extending the Byway was mentioned. Katie Nelson provided a brief explanation of the idea, explaining that the desired extension would be off of Rt. 127 and would follow Rt. 103 towards Rollins State Park, and would incorporate Warner's businesses community. Katie mentioned how she attended the most recent New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Council Meeting hosted by NHDOT. Katie stated that the council will need to write up a letter requesting the extension of the byway. Clyde Carson suggested using this letter to gather letters of support from local Warner businesses but also as a tool for recruiting new members. Katie will email William Rose, Chair of the New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Council, to find out what should be submitted to the Council so to be granted the extension.
- **Concord Magazine:** John Clark suggested reaching out to Concord Magazine for a potential article on the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway. Katie Nelson noted she would reach out to the magazine to see if there is any interest.
- **Annual Byway Open House:** After discussion, it was agreed that the Council would like to reestablish the annual byway open house this Fall. Katie Nelson gave a brief description of the event for those who were new to the Council. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to organize this event, including the location, vendors, and other miscellaneous details. A raffle with

prizes was also suggested to be added to the event. **The formation of a subcommittee, to be chaired by Bob French, was moved by John Clark and seconded by Ben Fortner. Motion passes unanimously.**

- **Signs:** It was decided by the Council to push the discussion on ordering additional signs until the next Byway Council Meeting. The Council agreed that planning the Annual Open House should be the Council's main focus over the next couple of months.
- **Website Publicity:** It was agreed upon by the group that the Currier & Ives logo should be on the websites of all the byway's communities. Ken Ross-Raymond will work on getting the logo on the Salisbury's website. It was suggested that different versions of the logo be created and available so to be easily used in advertising (i.e. on Town websites). It was also asked if any Council members have come across the Currier and Ives brochure. Katie Nelson will look within CNHRPC files for a brochure or will create a new one to be used.

5. Other Business

- **Bylaws:** Due to the fact a quorum hasn't been met in over a year, the Council strongly felt the bylaws should be changed that define a quorum. After discussion, it was agreed that a quorum should be defined as representation from the majority of member communities belonging to the Currier & Ives Byway Council. **John Clark moved, seconded by Bob French to change Article IV, Section 8 of the Bylaws of the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway. The motion carried.**
- **Miscellaneous:** Ben Fortner asked if the Council had any partnerships with local chamber of commerce and other local boards. It was noted that Currier & Ives has a page on the Kearsarge Chamber of Commerce's website and has worked with other local boards in the past but less in the recent years. Ben asked if the Council had any methods of measuring success on a yearly basis. It was noted that the Council currently does not have any methods of measuring success but is open to ideas. It was also noted that the Council currently does not keep or take any metrics of performance.

The next Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council meeting will be scheduled through a Doodle Poll to be emailed by Katie Nelson. The meeting is planned for September in Henniker.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Council Members** will work to contact new potential members to increase membership of the Council.

2. **CNHRPC** will contact the NH Scenic & Cultural Byways Council to begin the process of adding an extension to the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway.
3. **CNHRPC** will update the Bylaws of the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway so to be review by the Council.
4. **CNHRPC** will contact Concord Magazine for a potential article highlighting the Byway.
5. **CNHRPC** will create a doodle poll and send via email to Council members so to schedule the next Byway Council meeting.
6. **CNHRPC** will update the Currier & Ives brochure so to be available to the public.
7. **Bob** will reserve a meeting space in Henniker once the next Council meeting is scheduled.
8. **Bob** will begin organizing the details of the Annual Byway Open House.
9. **Ken** will work on adding information on Currier & Ives to the Town of Salisbury's website.
10. **All members** will look for opportunities to publicize and support the scenic Byway in the area towns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M. on a motion from Ken Ross-Raymond and a second from Bob French.

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