



Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Council

Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
945 Battle Street, Webster, NH

DRAFT Minutes

Council Members Present:

John Clark (Webster), Chair

Ken Erikson (Henniker)

Katie Nelson (CNHRPC), Secretary

Clyde Carson (Warner)

Members Absent: *Bob French (Henniker), Jim O'Brien (Hopkinton), Anne Ross-Raymond (Salisbury), LeeAnne Vance (Hopkinton), Joe Schmidl (Salisbury)*

The meeting started at 6:07 p.m. With three members present, the meeting did not have a quorum.

1. Approval of the 8/27/15 Minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Ken presented the treasurer's report to members present. No expenditures or receipts were reported with an overall account balance of \$236.05.

Ken also reported that he would like to submit his resignation from the council for other personal commitments. After discussion, Ken agreed to stay on the council as a member and handle the finances. Ken will also be available via phone during future council meetings.

3. Administrative Update and Election of Officers

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

4. 3rd Annual Byway Open House – Discussion

Due to lack of attendance and participation over the past few months, it was decided that the Byway Open House will be rescheduled for late winter/early spring. It was suggested that the Open House be held in one of the Byway's other communities instead of at the Contoocook Train Depot where it has been held the past two years. The Historical Society in Warner was a favorable suggestion among the Council members present.

5. Subcommittee and Project Updates

- **Membership:** As membership seems to be dwindling, John suggested the Council write a letter to each Byway community's Board of Selectmen seeking interested volunteers to join the Council. Board of selectmen members on the Council will help to assist in their community. It was noted that this would also be a great way of incorporating businesses owners on the Council.
- **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. Katie updated the group that after talking to Mike Tradiff from CNHRPC, he would bring the idea to the upcoming New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Council Meeting hosted at NHDOT. The group felt that Clyde should be present at this meeting so to represent the Byway and explain the reasoning behind adding the extension.
- **Signs:** Clyde informed the members present that Warner will be able to purchase three signs for the Byway. John also volunteered to purchase a sign. The number of signs needed from the other Byway communities of Henniker, Hopkinton, and Salisbury is still needed so that a sign order can be placed.

No other projects were discussed due to lack of attendance.

6. Other Business

The registration to remain a nonprofit was brought to the council's attention. The nonprofit report is due December 31, 2015 and includes a \$25.00 filing fee. A check was written and signed by Ken in the amount of twenty-five dollars and Katie will complete the filing.

John suggested a potential marketing effort of supporting local organizations and businesses along the byway through the Currier and Ives website. The idea included providing some information and a link on the Currier and Ives website through a

“We Support” page to these organizations and businesses. The Hillsboro-Deering and Hopkinton Club Football Team was suggested as a local organization, as they are self-funded. John agreed to reach out to the team for further information.

The next Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for February, 2016. The meeting location and date are to be determined.

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 Hopkinton, Henniker, and Salisbury 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. **John** will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen of the Byway communities on behalf of the Council looking for assistance in acquiring new members for the Council. He will also contact the Hillsboro-Deering and Hopkinton Club Football Team on supporting the organization through the Currier and Ives website.
4. **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.
5. **All members** will look for opportunities to publicize and support the scenic Byway in the area towns.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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