



Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Council

Meeting

Thursday, July 30, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

262 Maple Street, Henniker, NH

DRAFT Minutes

Council Members Present:

John Clark (Webster), Chair

Katie Nelson (CNHRPC), Secretary

Robert French (Henniker), Vice Chair

Clyde Carson (Warner)

Non-Members Present:

Bruce Johnson (Webster)

Roy E. Fanjoy (Webster)

Kelley LaPlante (Henniker)

Members Absent: *Yasin Alsaidi, (New England College), Ken Erikson (Henniker), Jim O'Brien (Hopkinton), Anne Ross-Raymond (Salisbury), Ellen Kontionos-Cilley (Webster), LeeAnne Vance (Hopkinton), Joe Schmidl (Salisbury)*

The meeting started at 6:29 p.m. With three members present, the meeting did not have a quorum.

1. Approval of the 2/26/15 Minutes

Without a quorum, the minutes could not be voted upon. However, members present reviewed the minutes and found no changes to be made. It was noted by the group that steps should be taken to update the bylaws that define a quorum. It was suggested that a quorum be considered by majority, instead of how it is currently defined.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ken Erikson submitted a Treasurer's Report dated July 28, 2015. The fund has increased by \$25.00 since the last byway council meeting to a total of \$236.05. It was asked what caused the \$25.00 increase.

3. Administrative Update and Election of Officers

- **Elections of Officers:** As no quorum was present, elections of officers did not take place. Officer elections will be added to the agenda of the next meeting scheduled for August 27, 2015.

4. Subcommittee and Project Updates

- **Membership:** It was discussed that increasing membership should be a high priority for the Byway Council. All members present agreed an additional member from each town would benefit the Council. Members will continue to look for new members to join the council.
- **Kearsarge Magazine Photo:** Katie explained that Kearsarge Magazine reached out to put together an article on the byway for the fall issue. John and Katie gave an interview to the magazine this past May including information about the Byway, the Council, and specific not-to-miss sites when visiting. It was planned to take a group photo at this Council meeting, but it was felt too few members were present. It was concluded that Katie will send an existing photo to the magazine to be used for the article.
- **Signs:** Katie gave a status update of the last steps taken on ordering new signs. She presented the price quote received from GranitCor Industries, and the council agreed it would be best to order at least six signs at \$40.67 per sign, as it was cheaper than purchasing less at the higher price. It was discussed that to move forward, each Town's representatives needs to find out how many signs are needed, and if funding is available to be used. Once each Town has a count, an order can be placed.

It was also suggested to have a local sign mounting event when installing new signs. It was felt that this type of event could increase awareness and involvement of the byway.

- **T-Shirts:** An idea was suggested of hosting a t-shirt sale at local fairs and festivals this fall. The majority of the group preferred long sleeve shirts with a side chest pocket. Bob French volunteered to get a quote for the shirts, including a variety of different styles. It was also suggested to only place a small order and if successful order a larger quantity in the future.

5. 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. It was decided that the report would be handled by Ken Erikson when he returns.

The next Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2015. The meeting location was not decided.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Council Members** will work to contact new potential members to increase membership of the Council.
2. **Council Members** 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. **Council Members** will brainstorm locations to hold the next Byway Council meeting on August 27, 2015.
4. **Bob** will receive a price quote for the purchase of Byway t-shirts.
5. **CNHRPC** will search the byway's inventory of photos and select a few to send to Kearsarge Magazine.
6. **All members** will look for opportunities to publicize and support the scenic Byway in the area towns.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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