Heritage Commission Special Meeting Minutes Londonderry, New Hampshire May 9, 2013

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, Commissioners David Colglazier, Sue Joudrey, Alternate Commissioners Pauline Caron and Janet Cichocki, Town Council Ex-officio Jim Butler, and GIS Manager/Planner John Vogl.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Commissioner Jim Schwalbe, Commissioners Tom Bianchi and Martin Srugis.

Chairman Arthur Rugg called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Moose Hill Town Council Chamber Meeting Room of the Town Hall.

Chairman Rugg announced that this was a public hearing to vote on a certificate to allow the Londonderry Historical Society to place a railroad switch on their property at 140 Pillsbury Road, map 16, lot 18-1. The Society's property is in the historic district that comes under the jurisdiction of the Heritage and Historic District Commission.

Chairman Rugg appointed Alternate Commissioners Pauline Caron and Janet Cichocki to vote for Vice-Chair Schwalbe and Commissioner Bianchi respectively.

Bill Bringhurst, a Historical Society member, described an area shown on an overhead photograph of the property as being about ten feet from the closest row of apple trees and running roughly north and south parallel to the trees. The area would start fifteen feet from the back property line and stretch about sixty feet towards the front of the property. The area would be about fifteen feet wide. On this space the Iron Horse Restoration firm will install a railroad switch and two parallel lines of track. A single line of track would start at the back of the property and then become two lines at the switch. Iron Horse will dig up a small depth of soil and install ballast stones, wood ties and steel track. There would be the appropriate fittings for the switch and to join and hold down the track.

Mr. Bringhurst said that the track is coming from a section off of Mammoth Road in northern Londonderry near the intersection with Becky Lane. Mr. Bringhurst said that the Iron Horse group is donating the installation and track.

Councilor Butler thought that the project was a good idea and approved it. Commissioners Joudrey, Caron, Cichocki, Colglazier, Rugg and Planner Vogl approved without further questions.

Chairman Rugg asked if there any public input. Ann Chiampa, Wedgewood Drive, asked if there was any additional hardware to be installed. She noted that there was some crossing signal equipment and a tall equipment box at that location. Mr. Bringhurst said that they were to receive a signal pole and some of the other small equipment at that location. He said that one signal equipment piece was to be donated from another source. He noted that the other equipment to be donated would depend upon the condition of it to be moved.

Alternate Commissioners Caron moved and Cichocki seconded a motion to accept the donation and issue a certificate of approval from the Commission for the Historical Society to proceed with their plans for the switch installation as described. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Alternate Commissioners Caron moved and Cichocki seconded a motion to approve the corrected minutes for the Commission meeting of January 24, 2013. The motion passed 4-0-2. Councilor Butler and Chairman Rugg abstained due to their absences from that meeting.

Commissioner Joudrey moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2013 meeting. The motion passed 4-0-2. Alternate Commissioners Caron and Cichocki abstained due to their absences from that meeting.

Chairman Rugg noted that there will be a regular meeting of the Commission in two weeks on

May 23rd. It will be back in the Sunnycrest Room. Rugg also noted for the benefit of the public that was at this meeting, that the Commission meets every other month on the fourth Thursday starting with January. Also, in November the Commission meets on the third Thursday.

Alternate Commissioner Caron moved and Commissioner Joudrey seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0-0 at 7:26 PM.

David Lee Colglazier, Secretary