

Heritage Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Londonderry, New Hampshire
June 13, 2013

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Jim Schwalbe (7:05), Commissioners David Colglazier, Sue Joudrey, Alternate Commissioner Pauline Caron, Town Council Ex-officio Jim Butler, GIS Manager/Planner John Vogl and Bob Saur.

Absent: Commissioners Tom Bianchi, Martin Srugis and Alternate Commissioner Janet Cichocki.

Chairman Arthur Rugg called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Moose Hill Town Council Chamber Meeting Room of the Town Hall.

Chairman Rugg appointed Alternate Commissioner Caron to vote for Vice-Chair Schwalbe.

Chairman Rugg opened the Public Hearing by reading the notice.

Bob Saur, of Londonderry Trailways, made a presentation about the proposed trails in the Historic District. The trails are to extend from map 6, lot 98 to map 6, lot 97.

Mr. Saur provided small copies of maps of the project. He is seeking a certificate of approval from the Commission for the project.

Chairman Rugg appointed Alternate Commissioner Caron to vote for Commissioner Srugis since the Vice-Chair has arrived.

Mr. Saur noted that Trailways has talked with the Conservation Commission, Arts Council and Old Home Day Committee. The Arts Council supported the trail, but thought that its inclusion near the back of the bandstand would be disruptive during performances. On the other hand, the Old Home Day Committee wanted the trail to persist at the bandstand as it provided a good, firm walking surface for people wanting access to the Common.

Basically, the Trailways Group has obtained a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Economic Development to fund part of the cost of the project. Trailways will raise the rest of the money and volunteer help needed.

Trailways will create a path 5 feet wide by cutting plant materials no larger than 1.5-inch diameter. They will remove small stones, cut small roots and cover with about 4 inches of stone dust. This will provide a firm, stroller and senior friendly surface, but it will not be ADA approved. He said that the slopes in some places are too steep for ADA regulations.

Vice-Chair Schwalbe was concerned about eroded trails where roots stick up quite a bit. Mr. Saur said that they do cut some elevated roots, but for the most part they try to bury exposed roots. Mr. Saur noted that this appears mostly in older trails that have eroded.

Mr. Saur said that the trail plan now calls for the elimination of one segment that was previously proposed. Trailways eliminated the path that lead towards Pillsbury Road and the new church site. They felt that heading away from the sight and sound along Pillsbury made a better trail experience.

Mr. Saur said that they were working on signage to use by the bandstand that would suggest that trail users be respectful of performances taking place.

Alternate Commissioner Caron asked about the two trails at the Common. Mr. Saur said that they were not going to alter the present trails at that location.

Mr. Saur noted that Trailways does the maintenance work on the trails.

Alternate Commissioner Caron moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to grant a certificate of approval to Londonderry Trailways to establish the trails as presented on their plans, to make them 5 feet wide, apply about 4 inches of stone dust as a packed surface. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Councilor Butler moved and Commissioner Joudrey seconded a motion to approve the minutes

for the May 23, 2013 meeting. The motion passed 4-0-2. Alternate Commissioner Caron and Commissioner Schwalbe abstained because they were not present.

Chairman Rugg noted that the Hall house at 22 Pillsbury was going into foreclosure sale on June 17.

Chairman Rugg and others were concerned about the Prowse Bridge status, now that the Commission has notified the New Hampshire Department of Transportation of the historic nature of the structure. Planner Vogl said that he would check into the situation.

Planner Vogl mentioned that there is a short video about the Town Pound on the web-site. It is an image, but he will add the arrow to it to make it look more like a video.

Alternate Commissioner Caron moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0-0 at 7:45

David Lee Colglazier,
Secretary