# Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission

Sept. 8, 2010 Municipal Center

## **OPENING:**

**Members present:** Becky Mitchell, chair; Beverly Connolly, secretary; Flossie Wiggin, alternate member; Dave Canada, Selectman

Meeting: Opened at 5:35 and adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes: June 9, 2010, meeting minutes were accepted.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Planning Board:** Dave announced a new cluster development of approximately 50 units has been proposed on the Foss property. Great Bay Commons is going ahead on their plans for a retirement center, but have not found an anchor for the former school building. The Town Center is currently having a traffic study, paid by the town not the state. Becky has written the historical background section of the Town Center master plan. At the next meeting of the Planning Board, members will vote on the Gateway Design Guidelines.

**Survey of Historic Resources:** Becky announced a goal of having surveys completed of the 12 Town Center properties by the commission's December meeting. These would be entered into the database. Work would be done with Lincoln to determine the best way to link the surveys with town maps and the Master Plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tercentary Committee:** The Tercentary Committee requested permission to use the Heritage Fund account for Tercentary funds raised. (Checks will be payable to the "Town of Stratham.") There was a consensus of approval by those attending. Flossie reported a yard sale is scheduled for Oct. 16 at Stratham Hill Park. Donation "jugs" have been placed in key location in town. An August encampment of colonial reenactors has been added to the planned 2016 festivities. Peter Wiggin has been asked to update the existing history of Stratham books.

### 2010-11 meeting day and time:

There was a consensus of those attending to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm as the meeting day and time. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2010 are October 13, November 10 and December 8.

**Potential program(s):** There was discussion on having a program on the "History of Agriculture in Stratham."

### Announcements:

Mon., Sept. 13 at 6:30 pm, Stratham Historical Society meeting and program, Jeff Bolster presents "Fish, Trees, Sheep and Factories: the Environmental History of NH"

Sat., Sept. 25, NH Preservation Alliance (603-224-2281) "Preparing Your Old House for Winter" at Moffatt-Ladd House, Portsmouth