

PRELIMINARY until voted on at Wednesday, May 12, 2010, meeting

Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission

April 14, 2010

OPENING:

Members present: Becky Mitchell, chair; Beverly Connolly, secretary; Florence Wiggin, alternate member; M J Werner, Planning Board Rep.

Meeting: Opened at 5:40 and adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes: March 10 meeting minutes, written by Georgiana Law, were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterans' Registry: Becky reported that Nancy Hansen requested the commission purchase a memory stick for the work Andrea Lewy is doing for the Veterans' Registry. All concurred to the purchase.

Planning Board: The New Hampshire Planning Association designated the Gateway Project as the "New Hampshire Plan of the Year."

NH Preservation Alliance Old House & Barn Expo: Becky and Lucy Cushman, volunteer, attended the Expo. One valuable session was "How to research one's house."

Survey of Historic Resources: Because of the construction the research notebooks are not in the library. Contact Becky if you need help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gifford Farm barn: A committee has been formed to explore community use of the barn. The DHR advised them to complete a survey and seek National or State Register listing. Commission members that pointed out that listing might preclude some of the renovations/uses being considered.

DHR state preservation plan: Members were invited to attend a public brainstorming session on May 17 from 4-6 pm at the Discover Portsmouth Center (Old Library). Possible issues to be raised were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stratham's Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 24. Meet at the park.

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting in the Stratham Public Library, April 28, 7 pm. The purpose is to explain nominating the Exeter and Squamscott Rivers to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program.

MAY MEETING: Municipal Center, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 5:30pm