

Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission

*Nov. 10, 2010
Municipal Center*

OPENING:

Members Present: Becky Mitchell, Chair; Beverly Connolly, Secretary; Flossie Wiggin, Alternate Member; Nate Merrill, Alternate Member; Georgianna Law, Alternate Member; Dave Canada, Selectman

Meeting: Opened at 5:40 and adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes: October 10, 2010, meeting minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Report: Treasurer, Nancy Hansen, provided a written report since she would not be present for the meeting. There is a balance of \$2533.55 in the Heritage Commission account as of October 26, 2010. A balance of \$4190.31 is in the Heritage Fund account as of October 31, 2010. Becky reminded members that the 2011 budget will be due by mid-December and that any 2010 expenses should be submitted as soon as possible. One purchase will be the camera for the Survey of Historic Resources. The Canon Powershot G-11 (approval voted on at the October meeting) has been discontinued. The commission will purchase the newer model, G-12.

Veterans Garden: The Veterans' Day program will be Thursday, November 11 at 11 am. In the morning before the service, the Exeter Area Garden Club will tidy the garden and clean the monuments.

Planning Board: Becky mentioned the pros and cons, she heard expressed, over the proposed design for the Town Center traffic rearrangement.

Tercentenary Committee: Flossie and Bev are to work on having postcards, which will benefit the Tercentenary Committee, by the December meeting.

Agricultural Program: Becky and Nate have met and decided on presenting an agricultural history program tentatively scheduled for February 11 or 18 in the Community Room at the Fire Station. This will consist of a panel discussion moderated by Lorraine Merrill. The purpose of this program is to educate residents about Stratham's agricultural traditions and record the history as remembered by the participants.

NEW BUSINESS: The Kenniston Tavern (245 Portsmouth Avenue), listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is for sale and may have been foreclosed. Becky expressed concern that the back door was hanging open. The realtor said the owner would not authorize any repairs. Routine police patrols will check on the property. The commission agreed that Becky should approach the realtor again to express the desirability that the building be secured, maintained, and prepared for winter.

DECEMBER MEETING: Municipal Center, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, 5:30pm