

Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission

Dec. 8, 2010—Municipal Center

OPENING:

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

Meeting: Opened at 5:45 and adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: November 10, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterans Garden: Nancy Hansen is continuing to explore a high quality lighting design and installation.

Postcards: Bev reported that two cards, 250 each, were being printed by VistaPrint. The members decided to order a third in a quantity of 100, offered as a free bonus. It was voted to sell the cards at 50 cents each and 3 for \$1.00.

Tercentenary Committee: Wording on the postcards is “#___ in a series published by the Stratham Heritage Commission to benefit the Tercentenary Celebration.” Flossie reported that there will not be a meeting of the Tercentenary Committee until January.

Planning Board: Work is being done on signage zoning for the Gateway area.

Agricultural Program: A panel presentation, moderated by Commissioner Lorraine Merrill, has been set for February 11, 2011, at 7 pm at the Stratham Fire Station. Representatives from Stratham Farming Families will discuss what farming has been doing to this area. There will be a video of the program. The commission will pay for the necessary materials.

Kenniston Tavern: Becky spoke with the realtor and he is willing to let us enter the house with an appraiser. Nate suggested, and the membership agreed, that this is a good opportunity to research and appraise this historic structure. The membership agreed to use survey funds for this, keeping in mind that expenditures over \$500 require permission from the Selectmen. Becky noted that the realtor said he would put a lock on the back door, but has not done so.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2011 Budget: Nancy and Becky worked on the budget, which was approved. It includes \$400 (administrative expenses), \$700 (veterans), \$1500 (survey of historical resources) and \$250 (training and conferences).

The Stratham-Newfields bridge sign: The text and photographs for the sign have been prepared and the Dept. of Transportation presently is trying to find funds for the sign.

Map Acquisition: Following the request from the Town Planner for help providing décor for the Town offices, Becky purchased a framed 1892 map of Stratham. Members voted to reimburse her the \$45.00 for the cost of the map.

January meeting: The monthly meeting of the commission will not be held unless the membership feels it is necessary. The next scheduled meeting will be February 9, 2011.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Municipal Center, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, 5:30pm