Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission

May 11, 2011—Municipal Center

OPENING:

Present: Becky Mitchell, Chair; Nancy Hansen, Treasurer; Beverly Connolly, Secretary; Flossie Wiggin, Alternate Member; Dave Canada, Selectman; M.J. Werner, Planning Board Rep

Meeting: Opened at 5:40 and adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes: April 13, 2011, meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Matters: Nancy will discuss the Tercentenary Committee's account as a line item within the Heritage Fund (at Peoples United Bank) with Val and Kathy. There will be a quarterly financial report in June.

DVDs: Flossie and MJ are seeking the method of adding names to the Ag Program DVDs.

Planning: Dave, MJ and Becky joined others meeting with representatives of Plan NH on a design charette for the Town Center. They were informed this first needs to go before the NH Dept. of Transportation.

Survey: Becky and Lincoln Daley met with Debbie Long. She has completed her work on the survey data base and demonstrated its features accompanied with a comprehensive manual. Following her suggestion, Lincoln will explore putting the database on the town server as well as options for security and access. The Heritage Commission will send Debbie a letter of thanks for her excellent work.

Annual Report: Becky presented an idea regarding the order of reports; departments then board and commissions alphabetized followed by "other." She will discuss the suggestion with Paul.

Tercentenary: Flossie reported on the April 18 meeting and announced an upcoming one, May 16. The committee is interviewing authors writing on local historical subjects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stratham Fair: We will participate in the Fair, July 21-24. It is necessary to have members and other volunteers present in order to sell DVDs and postcards. A suggestion was made to hold a meeting of all involved with the booth regarding space and displays.

Vets: Nancy reported on the difficulty she is having with the brick and monument engraving company. Items have not been done from last November. She will meet with the company one more time. Then we should look for alternatives.

Portsmouth Ave: Becky discussed with Lincoln the concerns and points of view raised at our April meeting. He will organize an informal discussion next month with Nate and Becky from the HC and Marty Wool and Janet Johnson from the Planning Board.

JUNE MEETING: Municipal Center, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 5:30pm