

Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission

June 8, 2011—Municipal Center

OPENING:

Present: Becky Mitchell, Chair; Nancy Hansen, Treasurer; Beverly Connolly, Secretary; Flossie Wiggin, Alternate Member; Dave Canada, Selectman. Town Clerk, Joyce Charbonneau was present for a portion of the meeting.

Meeting: Opened at 5:35 and adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: May 11, 2011, meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (Nancy requested that “engraver” be replaced with “engraving company.”)

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer’s Report: Of the \$2,850 in our 2011 budget, \$287 was spent on the Agricultural History program. The remaining balance is \$2,563. In the Heritage Fund, a revolving fund which the Heritage Commission now shares with the Tercentenary Committee, the remaining balance is \$3448.

Financial Matters: Becky gave Nancy receipts \$130 for sales of the Agricultural Program DVDs and \$26.50 for postcard sales. Nancy will talk to Valerie Kemp about the proper disposal of this income. After discussing with Joyce Charbonneau the matter of flags with the town seal, previously purchased through the Heritage Commission, it was decided that the commission will no longer order and sell the flags. Flossie Wiggin suggested that the Tercentenary Committee may be interested in selling smaller flags with the 300th anniversary logo, incorporating the town seal.

Planning: Becky reported that Stratham’s application for the Plan NH design charette for the Town Center was accepted, and that the Heritage Commission will support the process both through providing historical research and promoting community participation. The charette, which will likely take place in the fall, will result in professional design solutions addressing the community’s wishes for vehicular and pedestrian design patterns in the Town Center.

Survey: Becky forwarded survey information to the new owner of 9 Winnicutt Rd., who had expressed an interest in the history of the property.

Stratham Fair: The commission will participate in the new town tent at the fair, contributing the photographic display that Flossie Wiggin and Stella Scamman prepared for the February program on ag history. We will also have the DVDs of the program and postcards for sale. We will also seek one or more items of antique agricultural equipment to attract visitors to the tent.

Tercentenary: The committee selected an author to write on local historical subjects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vets: Nancy reported that all engraving has been completed at a cost of \$125. She will send letters to recipients.

Summer Meetings: There will be no July or August meetings. If need arises meetings may be called.

Other: An antique interior door was stolen from Keniston Tavern. There was a presentation for the Southeast Land Trust at Scamman’s Farm.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Municipal Center, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, 5:30pm