

**STRATHAM HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCT. 12, 2011**

Meeting Convened: 7:30 PM

Present: Dave Canada, Nancy Hansen, Florence Wiggin, Rebecca Mitchell (Chair)

Minutes of meeting of September 14 read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

FINANCES: The chair reminded members that they should come prepared to discuss a projected 2012-13 budget at the November meeting so that a draft budget may be voted on in Dec.

POSTCARDS: Bev Connolly obtained several winter views of the Scamman farm, but the best still needs some adjustment. Canada volunteered to work on the photos.

VETERANS' GARDEN LIGHTING: The various options for lighting the monuments at the garden were discussed with the commission concluding that the preferred option would be to install professional grade fixtures implementing the original design: in-ground uplights at each granite monument. Options for illuminating the original natural stone monument include in-ground uplights or flood/spot mounted on the flag pole. Mitchell and Hansen will pursue bids from contractors. If sufficient funds are not available from this year's budget, the expenses may be split between paying for design and equipment now and budgeting installation in 2012-13.

TOWN CENTER CHARRETTE: The Town Center Charrette with Plan NH is scheduled for Nov. 4, 10 AM-8PM and Nov. 5, 8AM-3PM. Mitchell and Wiggin will work to provide old views and enlarged maps of the Town Center to display in the meeting area.

STRATHAM/NEWFIELDS BRIDGE SIGN: The chair read a letter from the NH DOT stating that a sign company is under contract to fabricate the sign at Chapman's Landing, and the DOT hopes to install it before winter, contingent upon availability of a work crew.

NEW BUSINESS:

MONITOR PURCHASE: The chair was authorized to purchase the monitor from the Stratham Fair Committee (\$170) and to pursue sharing the cost with the Historical Society.

WINTER PROGRAM: There was a discussion of planning a winter program building on the success of our agricultural history program. It was agreed that the Commission wishes to collaborate with the 300th Ann. Comm., using the event to build public interest in the tercentenary. Various formats and organizing topics were discussed.

MEMBERSHIP: Bev Connolly has submitted her resignation effective Nov. 1. The Commission was unanimous in expressing its thanks for her years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM
Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Mitchell

NEXT MEETING NOV. 9, 2011