

**STRATHAM HERITAGE COMMISSON
MINUTES OF MEETING, NOV. 9, 2011**

Meeting convened at 7:35 PM

Present: Dave Canada, MJ Werner, Flossie Wiggin, Nate Merrill, Rebecca Mitchell

Minutes of the Oct. meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget: The 2012 budget was discussed and members present agreed upon a 2012 budget total of \$2,500-\$3,000. After meeting with Nancy Hansen, Treas., the Chair will distribute a draft budget for comment. The final version with narrative letter for the Selectmen is due on Dec. 1st.

Veterans' Garden Lighting: Rebecca Mitchell, Chair, reported that she had communicated with Dave Kramer about the project, and that he had indicated willingness to work with us. He will discuss the needs of the project with the Chair early in the week of Nov. 14. It is hoped that at least some of the fixtures may be purchased from the 2011 budget with estimated further installation costs budgeted for 2012.

SURVEY: Rebecca will be working with volunteer Pat Theisen on the Town Center surveys. Two work sessions are scheduled for the week of Nov. 14.

Membership: There was a discussion of the vacant alternate position.

Winter Public Program: Members present decided to plan a February program featuring objects that tell (and evoke) stories about the history of the town and its evolution. Linda Wilson, recently retired from the DHR, was proposed as a moderator and commenter.

Town Center Charrette: There was a discussion of the recent Plan NH Town Center charrette. Rebecca noted that both the Plan NH experts and community participants acknowledged that the historic features of the Town Center make a positive contribution to the area's potential development. MJ Werner stressed that kudos were due to the members of the Town Center Committee as much of what was proposed by the Plan NH team had been proposed in past work of the committee. The Commission's Town Center display will be mounted on the Planning bulletin board at the Municipal Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Veterans' Day observance was announced.

Various NH Preservation Alliance events were announced. The Chair said she will attend the NHPA workshop on the NH Registry of Historic Places on Nov. 15 in Salem.

Flossie Wiggin expressed interest in attending as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Mitchell

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 14, 2011
MEETING PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED**