

**Stratham Heritage Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2012**

**The meeting convened at 7:30 PM**

**Present:** David Canada, MJ Werner, Rebecca Mitchell, Florence Wiggin, Nathan Merrill

**Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**VETERANS' GARDEN:** Rebecca reported that a lens on one of the well lights is broken. While garden maintenance is the responsibility of Parks/Recreation, it was decided that in the interest of expediency Rebecca should obtain the replacement lens and a spare.

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Florence reported that tickets for the Nov. 11 concert are almost entirely distributed. A contract for writing the updated town history has been signed with Craig Brandon of Keene.

**Planning:** Rebecca gave a brief report on the Plan NH Charrette final report. The report notes the Town Center "includes one of Stratham's most historically significant areas," but adds that many of the historical assets are in need of repair.

Work on the sign ordinance is going forward. Stated intents include "Maintain and promote the rural, agricultural and historical character of Stratham" and throughout there is an emphasis on aesthetic harmony and community image.

There was a discussion of the proposed zoning change and development of the lot at 5 Emery's Lane (Map 13 Lot 42). The commission voted that Rebecca and Nathan write a letter to the Planning Board about the historical significance of the Emery's Lane neighborhood to the town. If discussion of the letter is necessary a special meeting will be called.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Meeting day and time:** The commission decided to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month, with the meeting time advanced to 7 PM.

**Announcements:** Rebecca drew attention to the Exeter News-Letter article on the sign at Chapman's Landing detailing the history of the Stratham/Newfields bridge. She also showed the latest newsletter of the NH Preservation Alliance with a photo and story on the listing of the Wiggin Memorial Library (original building in the town center) on the NH Register of Historic Places.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOV. 14 AT 7 PM**

**The meeting adjourned at 9 PM**

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca Mitchell