

**STRATHAM HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING, FEB. 8, 2012**

Meeting convened at 7:30 PM

Present: David Canada, MJ Werner, Florence Wiggin, Nancy Hansen, Rebecca Mitchell
Minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting were approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasury: Income of \$10 for sale of a DVD and \$28.50 for sales of postcards were submitted to the treasurer. Rebecca submitted a request for reimbursement for registration, parking and mileage for attending two preservation workshops at the Farm & Forest Expo on Feb. 3 in Manchester.

February 10 program: Arrangements and assignments were discussed. Set up will take place at 6PM. There will be a Heritage Commission greeting table at the entrance, selling postcards and DVDs and collecting contributions to the Heritage Preservation Fund. MJ volunteered to tend the table. Rebecca will make an appeal for donations to the Fund at the end of the program. Tables for others (300th Anniv., Historical Society, NH Preservation Alliance etc.) will be placed along the north wall.

Rebecca will ask John Hazekamp about the possibility of later adding names of speakers to the video.

Heritage Preservation Fund: It was decided to defer this discussion until Nate could be at a meeting.

Farm & Forest Expo Workshops: Rebecca reported on the two workshops she attended: one on identifying features of historic barn construction and another on approaches to saving historic farms. The latter was particularly edifying, especially the case of Dimond Hill Farm on the Hopkinton Rd. in Concord. Jane Presby, farm owner, stressed that when farmlands are placed in conservation easements the owner should retain enough land and flexibility to find creative ways to produce income.

Planning: The reorganized Town Center Committee was discussed, along with the pending Plan NH Report and Master Plan. There was general agreement that it would be useful to have the T. C. Committee, the Planning Board, the Heritage Commission, the Selectmen and any other interested groups meet with a representative of the NH Preservation Alliance and/or the Division of Historic Resources to learn about Historic Districts, Neighborhood Heritage Districts and other preservation tools.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers: Rebecca was elected chair and Nancy, treasurer, to take effect following the Town Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Old House and Barn Expo, March 24-25. Rebecca distributed \$1 off admission coupons.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 14

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Mitchell