

Stratham Heritage Commission Minutes of the Meeting January 9, 2013

Meeting was opened at 7:04pm by acting chair Nancy Hansen while Becky was away. Nancy asked Flossie to be Secretary pro tem for this meeting.

Present: Mary Jane Werner, Nathan Merrill, Florence Wiggin, Nancy Hansen.

OLD BUSINESS:

The November Minutes were approved; a motion was made by MJ Werner to accept and seconded by Nancy Hansen. It was also decided that the December Minutes could also be approved by the membership present. The Dec. meeting minutes were amended by adding the amount \$2,250 as the HC requested annual 2013 budget by a motion made by Nate Merrill and seconded by Nancy Hansen.

The Budget Committee approval meeting for the Heritage Commission will be on Jan. 24. Also discussed was who was going to attend the Budget Meeting.

Emery Lane Zoning Changes were discussed, and the Planning board meeting on this to be held Wed. Jan. 16 at 7pm Municipal Center. Flossie Mentioned that the Executive board at Church was informed and should attend.

The HC Banner will be discussed at the Feb. meeting

Discussion on the Breslin Barn on Stratham Heights Rd. being torn down. and why the Heritage Commission wasn't informed. Also talked about the tree not being lit in the circle this year and how it was missed. Also, the sale of the circle land whether it is two lots.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual election of officers for 2013 and members' terms were discussed. Current terms are as follows:

REBECCA MITCHELL, CHAIR (2012) 2010, 3 YEARS

NANCY HANSEN, VOTING MEMBER 2011, 3 YEARS

FLORENCE WIGGIN, VOTING MEMBER 2012, 3 YEARS

DAVID CANADA, SELECTMEN'S REP. (no term limit)

MARY JANE WERNER, PLANNING BOARD REP. (no term limit)

GEORGIANA LAW, ALTERNATE MEMBER 2012, 3 YEARS

NATHAN MERRILL, ALTERNATE MEMBER 2011, 3 YEARS

JANET JOHNSON, ALTERNATE MEMBER 2010, 3 YEARS

The discussion revolved around Becky, who has been serving in the dual capacity as Chair and as Secretary. Nancy has been serving as Treasurer. Nancy wants to retire from Treasurer. Everyone at the meeting agreed that the Chair should not also have to be Secretary. Flossie and Nancy would prefer to be alternate members, allowing Nathan and Janet to be full voting members eligible for officers positions. There was significant concern for Becky's health and the genuine need to spread more of the workload

across the other commission members. Flossie said she would enquire if Stella Scamman would consider being an alternate member.

If the Selectmen would be willing to reshuffle the HC appointments, we would suggest Nate become treasurer (voting member) and Nancy become an alternate member taking care of the Veterans Registry and engraving responsibilities. Janet would be eligible to become a full member, if she so desires. The question arose whether or not an alternate member may be secretary; this has been done in the past.

Nancy will approach the David Canada to inquire about HC appointments to see if the Selectmen would vote to switch around the membership between voting and alternate members.

Respectfully Submitted

Florence Wiggin, acting as Secretary for HC