



Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Council

Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
61 Houston Dr., Contoocook, NH

DRAFT Minutes

Council Members Present:

John Clark (Webster), Chair

Katie Nelson (CNHRPC), Secretary

Ellen Kontinos-Cilley (Webster)

Robert French (Henniker), Vice Chair

LeeAnne Vance (Hopkinton), At-Large

Joe Schmidl (Salisbury)

Members Absent: *Yasin Alsaidi, (New England College), Ken Erikson (Henniker), Jim O'Brien (Hopkinton), Anne Ross-Raymond (Salisbury), Clyde Carson (Warner)*

The meeting started at 6:39 p.m. With five members present, the meeting did not have a quorum.

1. Approval of the 10/16/14 Minutes

Without a quorum, the minutes could not be voted upon. However, members present reviewed the minutes and found no changes to be made.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ken Erikson submitted a Treasurer's Report dated February 23, 2015. The fund has the same balance as the last byway council meeting of \$211.05.

3. Administrative Update and Election of Officers

- **Elections of Officers:** As no quorum was present, elections of officers did not take place. Officer elections will be added to the agenda of the next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2015.

- **Rt. 127 Improvements Update:** An update was presented by John on the Rt. 127 improvements and maintenance requested to the NHDOT. The improvements and maintenance has been completed in the eastern portion of the road, and Joe included that the western portion of the road is expected to be completed in the near future.
- **Charrette Procedure:** It was suggested that a charrette occur for the Byway. A charrette is a large brainstorming session of several people and is often a full day event.

4. 2015 Goals and Projects Discussion

- **Byway Council Meetings:** It was discussed and agreed to hold future byway council meetings at a local restaurant to spread awareness of the byway and gain community involvement. It was suggested that the hosting restaurant rotate through the Byway towns for each meeting.

The next byway council meeting will occur on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Country Spirit Restaurant in Henniker. Bob will make reservations with the restaurant. Bob and other representatives from Henniker are encourage to contact other local Henniker businesses and organizations to join. There was interest in contacting John Lynch to attend.

- **Signs:** Katie presented the price quote received from GranitCor Industries for ordering new signs. It was agreed upon that six signs should be purchased for a price of \$40.67 per sign, as it is cheaper than purchasing two as \$78.84 per sign. John and LeeAnne both offered to donate a sign. Confirmation is needed from Clyde on how many signs Warner needs.
- **Brochure:** It was discussed that the council wants to update the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway brochure so to be stocked at tourist information sites and rest stops. John will contact Kate Bartlet regarding the previous brochure template and Katie will look at CNHRPC for the template as well.

5. Subcommittee and Project Updates

Ideas were discussed on future marketing events. One event mentioned was a food truck fundraiser to take place at the Contoocook Train Depot. Brainstorming ideas included serving a range of healthy and locally grown foods and would generate profit for the byway council.

Question regarding the location of the remaining Currier and Ives Scenic Byway stickers was mentioned. John will check to see if they are at his home.

Ideas were discussed of serving a pancake breakfast along the byway during Motorcycle Week, potentially in Salisbury.

6. Other Business

The registration to remain a nonprofit was brought to the council's attention. The nonprofit report is due December 31, 2015 and includes a \$25.00 filing fee. It was decided that the report would be handled by Ken Erikson when he returns.

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Council Members** will work to contact local businesses, organizations, and town members to join the council at the next byway meeting on May 14, 2015.
2. **LeeAnne** will contact the Union Leader to do a section on the byway.
3. **John** will contact Kate Bartlet for the brochure template and look for the remaining byway stickers.
4. **Joe** will share information on grant options with Salisbury selectmen and communicate back to the council.
5. **Clyde** will report to the council the quantity and locations of signs needed in Warner.
6. **Ellen** will gather ideas and create a plan for holding future council meetings at local businesses to gain community involvement.
7. **CNHRPC** will look for a copy of the brochure template, look into locations for brochures to be stocked, and inquire about the date for the NHDOT Byway meeting.
8. **All members** will look for opportunities to publicize and support the scenic Byway in the area towns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Nelson (Byway Council Secretary) of CNHRPC.