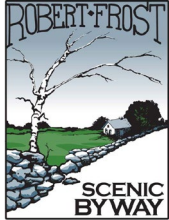


FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY COUNCIL MEETING



Atkinson Community Center
October 30, 2023



MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Approval of 7/31/23 Minutes**

Chair Rob Morris opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Rob Morris, Chair (Hampstead)
Linda Jette (Atkinson)
Jean Methot (Chester)

George Sioras (Derry)
Tina Harrington (Hampstead)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

Motion by Jean to approve July minutes, seconded by George and carried unanimously.

2. **Membership Status/Nomination of New Vice-Chair**

Motion by George to nominate Jean as interim vice-chair, seconded by Linda and carried unanimously.

Jean will serve in this capacity until the April 2024 annual meeting, at which time a permanent vice-chair will be elected.

3. **Scenic Resources Evaluation**

Jean noted that he was able to get the names of property owners of the tower lots in Chester and will forward this information to Rob. Others will continue gathering information about potentially valuable scenic parcels along the byway.

4. **Auburn Improvement Project Update**

Rob shared that the project is still alive; Manchester Water Works (MWW) is prepared to do the project if approved by Director Phil Croasdale. Tentative timeline is winter 2024.

A potential concern is further maintenance once brush is cut back from the area just south of Griffin Mill Bridge. This might be a project for byway council volunteers. Another factor to consider is the delayed construction of the Griffin Mill Bridge, as well as the type of bridge to be built. At this point it's not likely any construction would take place before spring 2024.

A potential Phase II of this beautification project would be clearing brush south of the four-way intersection to the war monument.

Rob will follow up with MWW in a couple weeks' time.

5. **Other Business**

Byway council recruitment ideas were discussed briefly. In many towns, volunteers for any board have been difficult to recruit. Adam suggested emphasizing the relatively insignificant time commitment for byway council members vs. other town posts. Linda noted that Atkinson's Historical Society is getting many new members, which could be the source of new byway involvement. She also will ask her husband. In Hampstead, John Kelly was mentioned as a potential new member. George said he would reach out to Paul Lindemann of First Parish Church in Derry.

There was some discussion of reinvigorating town contributions to the byway fund in 2024. Adam mentioned that the website has been renewed for the next two years, but that funds are getting low after this purchase.

6. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 29, 2024**, via Zoom. Agenda items may include:

- Taking a fresh look at 2016 bylaws, especially as regards quorums
- Evaluating a potential new standing meeting date
- Nominating a permanent vice-chair for election at the April 2024 annual meeting
- Auburn beautification project update

Motion by George to adjourn, seconded by Tina. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:56 pm.