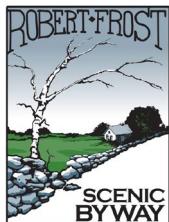


FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY COUNCIL



Atkinson Community Center
September 29, 2025

MINUTES



1. Call to Order and Approval of 6/30/25 Minutes

Chair Rob Morris called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. The following individuals were present:

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

George Sioras (Derry)
John Kelley (guest, Hampstead)
Scott Bogle (RPC)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

Motion by Jean to approve June minutes, seconded by Tina and carried unanimously.

2. Membership Status

Rob introduced John Kelley of Hampstead as a guest at the meeting. Vacancies persist in all five towns; filling the Auburn position of Deb Mancini – who resigned in August after five years on the byway council – is a top priority. Adam said he would reach out to Auburn Town Administrator Chris Sterndale to relay the opening.

3. 10/18/25 Trolley Tour Details

Several details of the trolley tour were discussed, including who from the byway council will be participating/riding the trolley, confirming speakers, and lunch options at the Astro Café. It was suggested that a bulk email go out to participants the day before the event, specifying a parking location at Pinkerton. While there was tremendous demand for the tour, holding another one this fall was deemed unrealistic. After gauging how the first tour goes, there is the possibility of planning another one in spring 2026.

Rob suggested a continued email dialogue and potentially a Zoom meeting prior to the tour to review final logistics in finer detail.

4. Bylaw Changes

Several bylaw changes were discussed, including the following:

- Potential to admit new voting members who are not residents of a byway town
- Defining term limits (3 years was suggested)
- Procedures for removing inactive members to prevent a situation where an individual occupies a position on the council despite not attending meetings for several years
- Potential addition of a Sons of the American Revolution member

- Potential creation of a Treasurer position

Rob suggested continuing this discussion at the next meeting with the goal of revising the bylaws at the spring 2026 annual meeting.

5. **Other Business**

Financials

Adam reported that the current byway account balance is \$450. With the upcoming website renewal and transactions related to the trolley tour, Adam said that his lack of experience with financials may warrant a new individual in a treasurer position. The Hampstead Historical Society can serve a “fiscal agent” role temporarily, but a more sustainable process may be needed. Previously, the byway council had not wanted to go to this length, but it may be necessary with additional trolley tours and other transactions likely forthcoming.

Annual town contributions should be revisited as well; having a treasurer would make these transactions smoother and more official.

Website

Adam reported that Wix website costs have increased – one year at the current level will set the byway council back \$348. There are other options including GoDaddy that appear to be significantly cheaper. However, given the fact that the byway has been with Wix for several years, it may be more cost-effective in the short term to stand pat and consider switching providers next year. **Motion by George to spend \$348 of byway funds to extend website contract with Wix for one year, seconded by Jean and carried unanimously.**

Other Ideas

Rob summarized several ideas from Bobby Lazzara, including:

- Participating in the adopt-a-highway program
- Participating in the NH Ice Cream Trail in some form
- Hosting a Cruise Night or Road Rally event on the byway

The next regular council meeting will be on **Monday, January 26, 2026, via Zoom**. There is also the potential for an interim trolley tour debrief meeting if needed.

Motion by Jean to adjourn, seconded by George. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:28pm.