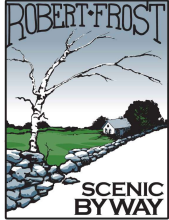


ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY



ZOOM
January 30, 2023

MINUTES



1. Welcome/Introductions

Chair Rob Morris opened the virtual meeting at 7:00 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Rob Morris, Chair (Hampstead)
Linda Jette (Atkinson)
Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)
Tina Harrington (Hampstead)

George Sioras (Derry)
Scott Bogle (RPC)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. 2023 CMP Goals & Strategies - Implementation

The group discussed the goals and strategies prioritized at the November 2022 meeting and selected several to focus on in 2023.

Adam volunteered to tackle items related to the byway website, tracking visitation, and working with NH Department of Travel & Tourism, as he is largely doing these tasks already. Other focus strategies for 2023 include:

- Support local efforts to adopt design guidelines to help ensure new development is consistent with the historical character of the area. *(already being done to some extent)*
- Identify unprotected parcels of land which hold scenic and environmental value along the route. *(Elizabeth volunteered to begin this activity but will be something of a group effort)*
- Engage volunteers in beautification projects, whether through ongoing adopt-a-highway relationships or periodic volunteer beautification projects such as landscaping and gardening. *(This effort will begin with a project to remove vegetation and beautify the intersection of Route 121 and Hooksett Road in Auburn; more in next agenda item)*

3. Auburn Improvement Project

There was continued discussion about how to approach this project. Rob noted that he has talked to Manchester Water Works (MWW) and explained that the byway council is looking to remove vegetation and improve the look of the Route 121/Hooksett Road intersection. Upcoming conversations should involve Auburn's Road Agent, as well as the MWW forester. The byway council should generate a list beforehand of what it's trying to accomplish. Elizabeth said that Paula Marzloff will be asked to do deeper research.

Rob proposed the project be broken into two phases: 1) the intersection area, and 2) Route 121 south to the war memorial (approximately 1,000 feet). The next step is to draft a scope of work and fine-tune at the April meeting. That will be followed by setting up a meeting/site visit with MWW, with work to hopefully begin in early summer after the area has dried out.

4. Membership by Town/Organization

Adam noted that while there are currently reliable participants, it would be beneficial to bolster membership from all towns. Linda noted that she will be trying to recruit a new member from the Atkinson Historical Society. Adam said he would talk to Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik to gauge interest/leads.

5. Other Business

Adam said he plans to send a final draft Corridor Management Plan to the council in March, well before the Annual Meeting.

Town financial contributions were briefly mentioned; Linda requested Rob write a letter to the Town of Atkinson detailing the benefits of the byway and asking for a \$200 annual contribution to fall in line with the other four towns.

6. Next Meeting

The byway's Annual Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 17, 2023**, in Hampstead.

Agenda items will include:

- Nomination/election of officers
- Final approval of Corridor Management Plan
- Scenic resources evaluation
- Signage inventory review
- Auburn improvement project update

Motion by Elizabeth to adjourn, seconded by George. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:40 pm.