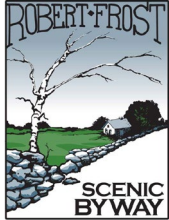


FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY COUNCIL – ANNUAL MEETING



Chester Town Office
March 31, 2025

MINUTES



1. **Call to Order and Approval of 9/30/24, 1/27/25 Minutes**

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

Rob Morris, Chair (Hampstead)
Tina Harrington (Hampstead)
Angela Labelle (guest, Sandown)
Deb Mancini (Auburn)

Jean Methot, Vice Chair (Chester)
George Sioras (Derry)
Caroline Wilson (guest, Derry Planning)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

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

2. **Nomination/Election of Officers**

Motion by Tina to reappoint a carryover slate of officers from 2024, seconded by George and carried unanimously.

Chair: Rob Morris
Vice Chair: Jean Methot
Secretary: Adam Hlasny

3. **Membership**

The membership roster was discussed briefly; recruitment efforts are ongoing in several towns. Deb suggested typing up a "job description" so prospective members know more about the organization and how membership is not a heavy lift. Adam agreed to assist with this writeup. When complete, it was suggested to post the solicitation on community Facebook pages in byway towns.

George suggested adding Karen Blandford-Anderson of the Derry Heritage Commission to the distribution list. Adam also agreed to reach out to Adrienne Dancer of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to solicit interest; she was last heard from in late 2022.

4. **Auburn Improvement Project**

Several council members noted that Manchester Water Works has cleared brush near the bridge in Auburn. While it looks good now, it remains to be seen how much new growth might limit the view again when spring/summer is in full swing. A local boy scout troop has

expressed interest in maintaining this area, but there are also liability concerns with nearby poison ivy.

Deb offered to follow up with Auburn Town Administrator Chris Sterndale and Manchester Water Works' John O'Neil to discuss next steps, including the potential clearing of the waterfront area from the four corners intersection to Clair's Landing (approximately 1/3 mile southerly).

5. Fall 2025 Trolley Tour

After reviewing some background info/notes from a 2/12/25 meeting with MTA, there was continued discussion about the Fall 2025 byway trolley tour. There are several important details that remain undecided as of today:

- **Date(s)/time of tour**

Adam noted that while Saturday 10/18 was tentatively locked in with MTA, there is potential to change this or add a weekday tour. For time of day, 9:00am-1:00pm or 10:00-2:00 were suggested. The actual start time will depend on if/how lunch is incorporated into the tour.

- **Pickup/drop-off location**

Adam said that Massabesic Front Park in Auburn would be the most convenient location for MTA to begin/end the tour. However, beginning/ending the tour in Derry would have the advantage of it being more centrally located, nearer to restaurant options, and not that much farther from Manchester than Auburn. Pinkerton Academy was seen as a very good option for its ample parking, historical value, and central location. George offered to reach out to the Academy's headmaster to inquire about any potential conflicts for 10/18.

- **Tour details (event, speaker, etc.)**

One idea discussed was to have a speaker highlight 1-2 points of interest in each byway town. If there isn't room for five speakers to be on the 25-30 passenger trolley, they could potentially step on and speak at a given point along the tour.

- **Dining options/possibilities**

Angela presented several brewery/restaurant options including:

- 603 Brewery
- Rockingham Brewery
- Kelsen Brewery
- Fody's Tavern
- Friendly Red's

The Pinkerton Academy Culinary School was mentioned as another option, but more research will have to be done on whether this is feasible for a Saturday.

There was some discussion as to whether lunch would be included as part of the tour. Another option would be to create a brochure with suggested (sponsored?) dining choices for individuals to patronize after the conclusion of the tour. Both options have merit, and neither was seen as immediately superior by those present.

Given how many details remain in the air, there will be another meeting to focus on the tour discussion prior to the next regular meeting of the byway council on 6/30.

6. Other Business

There was a brief signage discussion. Tina said that Hampstead's DPW director will be leaving his position in the next couple weeks but will ensure signage gets installed before that point.

A meeting to continue the trolley tour conversation was tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, April 29, 2025** via Zoom. The next regular council meeting will be on **Monday, June 30, 2025**. On that date there will be a 6:00pm tour of the Derry Historical Museum; the meeting will begin at 7:00pm at Derry Municipal Center.

Motion by Jean to adjourn, seconded by George. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:20 pm.