

ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY



Hampstead Meetinghouse
August 30, 2021



MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions

Chair Rob Morris opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. The following council members were in attendance:

Rob Morris, Chair (Hampstead)
Richard Pyne (Atkinson)
Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)
Jean Methot (Chester)
Catherine Baumann (Derry)

George Sioras (Derry)
Tina Harrington (Hampstead)
Scott Bogle (RPC)
Monique Duchesne (SNHPC)
Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

2. Review of Minutes - April 19, 2021

**Motion by Jean to approve April minutes as presented, seconded by Elizabeth.
Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Updates

Lafayette Trail Marker

Elizabeth noted that on May 4 there was a dedication/unveiling of an historical plaque commemorating General Lafayette's three 1825 stops in Derry. This was largely the result of French Historian Julien Icher's tireless efforts to memorialize Gen. Lafayette's farewell tour across the United States. The plaque is in a small park at the corner of Nesmith Road and NH Route 102.

Byway Story Map

Monique noted that the Story Map is nearly ready to be released to the public. Some Hampstead descriptions and Derry photos could be enhanced for optimal effect. It was the desire of the council to take one final look at the Story Map at the next meeting before releasing to the public.

Toyota Grant Opportunity 2022

There was a brief discussion about this potential funding opportunity and the inadequacy of time given to pull together a project in July 2021. Rob said that the requirement for an event with 35 people could prove to be a stumbling block.

The council brainstormed several project ideas, including an enhancement of the Stark Memorial in Derry. While this could be a good project, the lack of parking at the site

could prove problematic. Creating a pull-off with an informational kiosk was noted as another valid option.

A project at the Robert Frost Farm would get around the parking and visibility issues, but it's uncertain what type of a project could be done there.

4. 2015 Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Update

Adam went over a one-page handout detailing major and minor updates needed for the CMP update. The "major" update tasks included:

- Traffic and crash data/maps (RPC and SNHPC to take lead)
- Local planning and land use regs in byway towns (RPCs to assist towns)
- Marketing Plan (this element is missing from the 2015 CMP)
- Goals and Strategies (7 goals, 36 strategies to be discussed/updated by council)

There was a lengthy discussion about the intersection of Routes 102 and 121 in Chester, its history, and obstacles to improvement. It was agreed upon that these difficulties should be noted in the CMP, and the importance of preserving the town center's historical character emphasized.

Scott suggested the RPCs compile/update the traffic and crash data prior to the next meeting, and the towns begin work on the land use regs element of the plan. The Goals and Strategies conversation will likely consume a meeting of its own.

Adam noted that there is not a hard deadline to complete the CMP update, but that it's suggested CMPs be updated every 5-10 years. The council decided to target completion by the end of calendar year 2022, approximately seven years after the original CMP was finished.

5. Other Business

Richard asked how Carol Grant of Atkinson should be memorialized. Those present agreed that a physical memorial (such as at a kiosk/pull-off) would be appropriate in addition to a dedication page in the CMP.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 29, 2021**, in Chester. Agenda items will include finalization of the Story Map and discussion of traffic/crash data and key issues in the CMP.

Motion by George to adjourn, seconded by Elizabeth. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:05 pm.