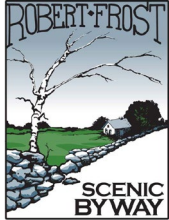


FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY COUNCIL MEETING



Zoom
January 27, 2025

MINUTES



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

Chair Rob Morris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The following individuals were virtually present:

Rob Morris, Chair (Hampstead)

George Sioras (Derry)

Jean Methot, Vice Chair (Chester)

Adam Hlasny (SNHPC)

Elizabeth Robidoux (guest)

Approval of minutes tabled due to lack of a quorum.

2. **Membership**

George agreed to continue serving as a council member from Derry. Neither of Derry's regular members, Catherine Baumann or Margie Ives, has attended a meeting in several years.

Elizabeth said that while she would like to stay abreast of byway matters, she cannot commit to becoming a member again at this time. She mentioned Planner Caroline Wilson and TJ Cullinane of the Heritage Commission as potential Derry reps. Liz offered to follow up and get a call for new members posted on the Derry town website.

3. **Status Updates**

Auburn Improvement Project

Rob noted that Manchester Water Works has done some clearing near the bridge in Auburn. While it's a nice step, the bridge itself looks shabby. A replacement bridge is on the way, but the status/ timeframe is unknown. Adam offered to check in with Chris Sterndale in Auburn for an update.

The idea of continued vegetation trimming/maintenance was discussed; this could potentially be a good scout project and would have the added benefit of increased byway awareness in the community. Liz offered to follow up with the local scoutmaster and report back to Rob and the group.

Fall 2025 Trolley/Bus Tour

There was continued discussion about a Fall 2025 tour of the byway. There was some mention of making this a "Spirits of the Byway" tour, focusing on wineries/breweries, in addition to Chester's scarecrows. While a trolley worked well for the in-town Hampstead

event, any byway tour longer than a few hours would need a bus with restroom facilities. Another concern is that many of the small dining establishments along the byway would not be able to accommodate dozens of people at a time. Hyla Brook Event Center was mentioned as a possible location to host a larger group.

In terms of the logistics of a vehicle, Jean mentioned that Chester has a local resident who operates a bus that the town has used in the past. George noted that MTA has a selection of vehicles that may be conducive to such a tour. Adam will reach out to Mike Whitten and get a better sense of the options prior to the next byway meeting.

4. Other Business

George said that Karen Blandford-Anderson of the Derry Heritage Commission wanted to reinvite the byway council to the Derry Historical Museum. Rob suggested holding the summer meeting in Derry and taking advantage of this opportunity.

The council's annual meeting will be held on **Monday, March 31, 2025**, in Chester. The following meeting will be on **June 30, 2025**, in Derry.

Motion by Jean to adjourn, seconded by George. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:36 pm.