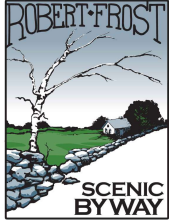


# ROBERT FROST / OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY



Chester Town Offices  
July 31, 2023

## MINUTES



Chair Rob Morris opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Rob Morris, Chair (Hampstead)  
Tina Harrington (Hampstead)  
Paula Marzloff (Auburn)

Elizabeth Robidoux (Auburn)  
Jean Methot (Chester)  
George Sioras (Derry)

### **1. Review of Minutes - April 17, 2023**

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

### **2. Signage Inventory by Town**

Tina reported Hampstead ordered signs (2 Robert Frost and 2 Stagecoach). One Stagecoach sign will be retained as a spare. The two Robert Frost signs will be installed on North Salem Road. Rob indicated they will investigate the addition of "END" signs on those poles to show the terminus of that segment.

Auburn, Chester, and Derry do not have a need for additional signs and the existing signs seem to be in good shape. All in attendance agreed the signs were positioned well along the route.

### **3. Scenic Resources Evaluation**

As homework, the Council members were asked to identify special viewsheds and parcels in their towns with high scenic value.

#### *Town of Auburn*

- 547 Londonderry Turnpike - Owned by Socha, no easement
- 569 Londonderry Turnpike - Owned by Parker Farm Associates, no easement
- Claire's Landing (on Rt. 121, near Bunker Hill Rd) - Owned by Manchester Water Works, no easement
- Severance Beach (on Manchester Road) - Owned by Manchester Water Works, no easement

#### *Town of Derry*

- 242 Island Pond Road, Taylor Mill - owned by State of NH, this is a NH State Park
- 217 Island Pond Road, owned by the State of NH

- 189 Island Pond Road, owned by the Gunther family, has conservation easement
- 105 Island Pond Road, owned by Wiley family, should be targeted for conservation
- 249 Island Pond Road, King Family Trust, should be targeted for conservation
- 115 & 125 Island Pond Road, owned by Linda Kneeland, should be targeted for conservation

#### *Town of Chester*

- The property containing the tower is the only site where one can see to the northeast for quite a distance. The trees have grown up so it is not as scenic as it used to be. Rob suggested targeting this and seeing if the owner might remove some trees.
- The land near the Buxton's old homestead has a nice view but now there are homes on it
- Rob noted at certain times of the year, there is an area on Rt 121 with fields on both sides where the sunsets are spectacular.
- Jean stated after the Town Pound, there is an area where the cell tower is located where one can see to Joe English Hill in Goffstown, but this is private property and not accessible.
- The cornfield near Burgess' property
- Knoll of Walnut Hill has potential

#### *Town of Hampstead*

- Shop Pond area which is owned by the town. This is located near Camp Tel Noar
- 707 Main Street - the fields next to Stake and Stone Farm, owned by Morris family.

#### *Town of Atkinson*

- Woods Farm
- The Green Tunnel, has conservation easement on it

Rob suggested compiling a list of properties with addresses and deciding if the Council would like to investigate who owns the property and the status. If there is potential, perhaps that can be explored.

#### **4. Auburn Improvement Project Update**

Rob reported he, Adam, John O' Neil, the Manchester Water Works Forester, and Auburn's Town Administrator, Chris Sterndale, met at the intersection of Manchester Road, Chester Road, and Raymond Road in Auburn and walked the area targeted for improvement. They discussed the timing of the replacement of the Griffin Bridge which is potentially slated to begin this winter. The bid will be going out soon. The land in question is owned by Manchester Water Works (MWW). The group discussed the proposed scope of work developed by the Council which includes clearing the underbrush as close to the Brook as possible and keeping that open. The intent is to

be able to get a clear view of Griffin Bridge from Route 121. It is hoped the new bridge will be historic looking, with wood construction. MWW has a machine that can reach into the vegetation to remove it and they may be able to do the work, with maintenance of the area performed annually by volunteers from the Council. MWW would spend a few days doing the work during the winter months. John will speak with Phil Croasdale at MWW for permission to do the work. There are several dead trees that should be removed in the area as well. They can't clearcut the vegetation as some of it is important for stormwater treatment. Jean noted there is a fair amount of elderberry bushes located on the left-hand side. Those grow and spread very fast and attempting to cut them back may accelerate that growth pattern. Rob noted the Auburn Fire Chief had stopped by while they were on site and the slight possibility of a controlled burn was discussed. Rob mentioned the proposed Phase II of the project which would include the area from the monument near Town Hall to the bridge.

## **5. Other Business**

Elizabeth tendered her resignation from the Council. She stated it was a difficult decision. She offered to remain available to answer questions as needed. Paula expressed interest in being appointed a full member of the Council. Elizabeth will mention this to the Town Administrator in Auburn when she submits her formal resignation from the Council.

Elizabeth noted the website renewal information (GoDaddy, Wix) etc., come to her attention and a new email address will need to be provided to those vendors.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 30, 2023**, at an Atkinson location TBD.

**Motion by Jean to adjourn, seconded by Elizabeth. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:53 pm.**