

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
DEERFIELD NH HERITAGE COMMISSION**

A meeting of the members of The Deerfield NH Heritage Commission (**DHC**) was held in the EOC Room at the George B. White Building on October 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM Eastern Time.

There were present:	Debra Murphy	Chairman
	Deborah Boisvert	Member
	Kelly Roberts	Member and Treasurer
	Erroll Rhodes	Member and Secretary

Absent:	Andrew Robertson	Select Board Liaison
	Karen Leavitt	Member
	Carol Levesque	Member
	Daniel Tripp	Member
	Richard Boisvert	Alternate Member
	James Deely	Alternate Member

Discussions occurred as follows.

1. This meeting of the DHC was duly noticed, having been posted, with agenda, on October 1st. Ms. Murphy acted as Chairman of the Meeting and Mr. Rhodes acted as Secretary of the meeting. The Chairman stated that a quorum was present and that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the agenda items previously posted and any other business that might duly arise.
2. The minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2019 were read and approved.
3. There was a discussion of the upcoming Southern NH Planning Commission Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway Public Hearing on Oct 8th, focusing on the background of the Scenic Byways designations in Deerfield, the issues apparently leading up to this public hearing and the possible approaches the DHC might take to addressing the request for public feedback at the hearing.
4. It was noted that to better understand the need to cut two substantial loops from the Byway route, both in Candia and Deerfield, it would be helpful to better understand the underlying logistical issues, economic pressures and routing logic justifying the proposed changes. There was discussion of the possible financial issues that could be associated with the current proposal, as well as the role the DHC might be able to take on in this regard.
5. It was noted that the current Byways route might represent to some extent, but does not capture all of, the dispersed – and disparate - community centers which are fundamental to Deerfield’s history and heritage (due in no small part to Deerfield’s substantial size).

6. It was also felt that the routing should increase the number of historic and scenic locations rather than reducing them as the proposed map suggests. This change would have the collateral benefit of increasing the 'byway' (rather than 'highway') composition of the route, offering more opportunity to the non-automobile sector. There was a consensus in favor of selecting routing that held a higher ratio of sites (scenic and historical) per mile.
7. There was agreement on emphasizing the close correlation - and potential connection - between the work of the DHC and the SNHPC's Byways initiative, in particular as it relates to the DHC's Heritage Map project (which was proposed to favorable reaction). It was noted that understanding the points raised earlier (see Paragraph 4 above) would shape how the DHC could assist or work with the SNHPC's Byways initiative to achieve mutual goals as may exist.
8. There was a brief discussion of the upcoming coffeehouse event and possible ways in which the topics raised above could be integrated into the DHC's emphasis on greater community access to and awareness of Deerfield's historical and cultural heritage.
9. The next meeting of the board was noted to be held on October 15, 2019.

There being no further business to be transacted at this Meeting it was declared closed and in witness thereof, these Minutes have been issued on the date hereinabove written.

Deborah Murphy
Chairman of the Meeting

Erroll Rhodes
Secretary of the Meeting