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Minutes of State of New Hampshire  
Scenic & Cultural Byways Council

June 16, 2015; 10:00 PM – 11:00 PM  
NHDOT Aeronautics Conference Room

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Mary Kate Ryan	Division of Historic Resources
William Watson	NH Dept. of Transportation
Kenneth Allen	Forests and lands
Rep. Suzanne Smith	Speaker of the House
Brenda Clemons	Highway construction industry
Donna Keeley	NH Utilities
Michael Tardiff	Regional planning
Chris Northrop	NH Office of Energy & Planning
Amy Bassett	NH Dept. of Resources and Economic

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Mary Boswell	Municipalities
Sen. Jeanie Forrester	Senate President
Leslie Boswak	Municipalities
Jayne O'Connor	Outdoor Advertising Assoc. of NH

**PUBLIC:**

Victor Sinadinoski, Southern NH Planning Commission; Doug Grant, North Country Scenic Byways Council; Sarah McGraw, Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

**NHDOT STAFF:** William Rose and Dawn Pulica, Scribe

*Chair K. Allen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.*

After introductions from Council Members and visitors, Ken Allen discussed the attendance of the May 14, 2015, meeting, and to send an email to William if you can't make the meeting.

William discussed that the current Rules of Procedures (ROPs) identify two meetings on the second Thursday in May and in November and asked whether there were alternatives that would work better. All agreed on the dates identified in the Rules of Procedures (ROPs). Mike Tardiff requested that the meeting for November 12<sup>th</sup> be at 1:00 pm. The council members agreed to the time and requested that all future meetings to begin at 1:00 pm.

#### **Review & approve 5/8/2014 meeting minutes**

William asked if there were any comments on the Meeting Minutes of 5/8/15. There being none, a **motion** was made by Rep. Smith to accept them and **seconded** by Donna Keeley. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

#### **NH Scenic & Cultural Byways Program Manager Updates**

William discussed that there has been a lot of interest in the program. A lot of the Scenic Byways projects are winding down and coming to an end. Ken Allen talked about the Albany River Project (Lower Fall Scenic Area) and that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 10, 2015, at 10:00 am. The public and committee are welcome. William updated the council on recent events of the Scenic Byways Program and projects.

#### **De-designation Updates**

Discussions then turned to the de-designation candidates byways. William reviewed the status of the nine de-designation candidates listed in the 2011-2012 Biennial Report. William noted that the Canterbury Shaker Village Byway was recommended to be de-designated since there has been no response or interest from the Town of Canterbury or the Shaker Village despite repeated attempts for contact by both NHDOT and the CNHRPC.

A **motion** was made by Mary Kate Ryan to de-designate the Canterbury Shaker Village Byway. The motion was **seconded** by Rep. Smith. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

#### **Nomination & Election of officers for 2015**

Nomination and election of officers for 2015 ensued. The results are as follows:

A **motion** was made by Rep. Smith to accept Ken Allen to continued being the Chairperson. Motion was **seconded** by Donna Keeley. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

A **motion** was made by Ken Allen for Bill Watson to being Vice Chairperson. Motion was **seconded** by Rep. Smith. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

#### **Old business**

Discussion then turned old business. William presented a draft application for the Scenic Byways Program that will be discussed at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ken Allen suggested that the Cover Sheet have a mapping product and photos.

**Public Comment**

Ken Allen asked if there were any public comments. Doug Grant suggested having frequently asked questions or concerns to put on the website. K. Allen responded that this was a great idea, but having the resources to do this at this time is very difficult and suggested perhaps volunteers might be able to assist.

There was some discussion prompted by a statement from Sarah McGraw regarding the potential for RPCs to perhaps help to develop additional program materials – such as a NH Scenic & Cultural Byways Handbook. All agreed that there was some potential in this suggestion and additional consideration at a later date was warranted.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Ken Allen and seconded by Rep. Smith to adjourn.

*The motion was carried and Council adjourned at 11:00 AM.*