

**MINUTES**  
**Phillips Revitalization Steering Committee Meeting**  
**March 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Margaret Cosenza, Nancy O'Toole, Dick & Pam Matthews  
(Absent: BJ Bangs, John Stinchfield, Dick Stovall)  
Guest: Lauri Sibulkin

Minutes from last meeting approved without corrections.

Margaret suggested the chairperson of the Train Advisory Committee be invited to Steering Committee meetings.

Committee Reports from the chairpersons:

**Branding** – Dick Matthews reports meeting held Feb.28; only 4 people present due to bad weather. The *Phillips Area Vitalizer* published twice so far with good feedback, plan to publish every 2 weeks. E-mail list around 80; 100 printed copies distributed to businesses. Dick Stovall printing them without charge, but eventually we'll need to buy ink and paper.

An essay contest will be held at Phillips School, with theme "Why I Like Phillips". Essays will be judged and certificates given, with excerpts from essays published in *Franklin Journal*. Planning a public reading.

Dick Matthews and Dick Stovall will attend branding presentation in Farmington March 23 at 7:30 a.m. Anyone with interest is encouraged to attend. Plans for a brochure have been tabled for now; will be taken up again as interest builds and we formulate our "brand".

**Grants** – Nancy O'Toole talked with Terry Ann Stevens about need for Downtown Revitalization Plan (stipulated in grant applications). This would be a vision of what we want to see. She will pull this together, working with the Comprehensive Plan. Margaret suggested that Matt Sharp might make some drawings for us.

Nancy has started research on National Register of Historic Places. Committee agreed that sidewalks and downtown of foremost importance.

**Events** – Pam Matthews reports the 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama, Civil War Living History group, will set up camp in Townsley's field across from fire station the weekend of May 20-22. They're also invited to attend Old Home Days.

The Phillips Area Micro-Loan Committee has been approached to see if someone will join us in planning a Business Day. Margaret is working on

this, but we want their help. Lauri suggested we all try to find people who might be interested in starting a business (to be sure there's a need for this).

The second Rail Fair will be held in the P.A.C.C. on October 8, in conjunction with the Ghost Train. Events committee will work with Train Advisory Committee, P.A.C.C. and SR & RL RR to coordinate.

**Planning** – Dick Matthews spoke for chairperson Dick Stovall: The focus now is the establishment of a farmers' market and getting the flag at the Historical Society lit 24 hours a day.

Dick Matthews noted that all meetings are posted on the Phillips website, along with minutes from the meetings and copies of the *Phillips Area Vitalizer*. Sylvia Lambert has been very gracious to post these for us.  
[www.phillipsmaine.com](http://www.phillipsmaine.com)

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Phillips Town Office**

Reminders:

Planning Committee Meeting: March 7 at 6 pm - Shadagee Common Room

Referendum Vote on AOS plan: March 8 from 1-6 – Phillips Town Office  
and Avon Community Building

Ice Skating Party at P.A.C.C. (old gym): Sat. March 12 from 1-3

Arts Meeting: March 15 at 7 p.m. – Morning Bridge Center

Events Committee Meeting: March 23 at 6 pm – Phillips Town Office

Branding Committee Meeting: April 4 at 6 pm – Shadagee Common Room

*All meetings of the Revitalization Committees are open to anyone interested in attending. New members are always welcome. To get on our mailing list, please contact Pam or Dick Matthews at 639-2630.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Matthews