

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

Attendance: John Stinchfield, Dick Stovall, Dick & Pam Matthews  
(Absent: BJ Bangs, Margaret Cosenza, Nancy O'Toole)  
Minutes from last meeting approved without corrections.

Reports and discussion on:

**Meeting with Wilton Revitalization members** - Margaret Cosenza has spoken with Irv Faunce and they are interested in coming over, but haven't tacked down a date (this is why we didn't meet in January). We would still like to set this up so we can learn from them.

**Brochure - Branding Committee** hasn't met recently, but chair, Dick Matthews, will call a meeting soon. Pam reports speaking with Lori Berry (Chamber of Commerce) and the Phillips Microloan Committee; both are supportive and would help the preparation of a brochure for Phillips.

**Sidewalks - Planning Committee** chair Dick Stovall has a meeting scheduled Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at Shadagee Common Room and hopes to get good attendance from anyone interested in working on the current projects (downtown improvements that will show something good is happening in town).

**501c(3) meeting in Portland** - Pam, Dick, & Dick attended this and learned a lot that will help in future if needed.

**News from Train Advisory Committee** – Pam received a report from Matt Sharp & Nancy Hilton. Phillips' request to obtain stock from the Narrow Gauge Railroad Trust of Maine as part of a consortium with Bridgton, Gray, & Monson was denied; we didn't meet their criteria. No one did. Not sure what will happen next.

The Train Advisory Committee reports they plan to hold a second **Rail Fair in Phillips on October 8**, in conjunction with the Ghost Train weekend. They have already started advertising this date in the train show community. Our committee decided to hand this over to the **Events Committee** to help plan and implement.

**Civil War reenactment group** - Dick Matthews has attended a meeting of Maine's Confederate Living History group, the 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama, who have agreed to hold their spring training encampment in Phillips, tentatively scheduled for the **weekend of May 21**. Steve Townsley has offered his field on Route 142/Park Street, across from the Fire Station, as a

place for them to camp. They would welcome the public to observe their training and interact with them. This was met with approval and handed over to the **Events** Committee. It is hoped the 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama and a Union contingent will return sometime this summer to camp near the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad.

**Phillips Microloan Committee request for Business Day** – Pam attended a meeting of this committee; they are trying to get the word out that loans are available for new and existing businesses in Phillips, Madrid, and Avon. It was suggested that we work with them to sponsor a “Start your own business day” or something similar that would offer information and workshops for people who wish to explore the possibility of starting a business. Since bringing business and economic development to Phillips is part of our goal, it was decided to join with them to do this. The **Events** Committee will work on this.

**Farmers’ Market** – Margaret gave Pam the name of a local farmer to contact to pursue the suggestion from the Visioning Committee of starting a Farmers’ Market in town. Pam called the man, but he was unable to head up this effort. We decided that it isn’t our goal to run a market, but the **Planning** Committee will call a meeting of local farmers to see if they are interested in pursuing this idea. If so, we could help them with marketing, grant writing, etc., but they would need to run this, not us.

**Phillips Art Commission** - Susy Sanders has called the first meeting Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at Morning Bridge Center. This is a positive step that Susy announced last summer at one of the Revitalization meetings.

**Phillips Area Community Center membership drive** – Pam & Dick are on the board of the PACC and announced that an effort to include more people in the running, decision-making, and use of the building is under way. Residents will be asked to become “Leaders of the PACC” by donating \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family/business/or organization, which will earn them a 2011 decal, a chance to get news about events, and a discounted admission at certain events.

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Phillips Town Office**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Matthews