

## ADIRONDACK COAST CULTURAL ALLIANCE

### Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Meeting

Amanda Palmer, Chair, convened the meeting at the Clinton County Historical Association at 8am on December 21, 2011. Present were Amanda Palmer, Rick Laurin, Lisa LaFountain, David Strack, Bill Glidden, Don Papson, Geri Favreau, John Krueger, Jane Saxe Kelfing, Jim Bailey, Susan Arena, Tricia Davies, Susanna Fout, Julie Dowd, Tammy Rock, Jerry Bates, and Stan Ransom.

Upon motion of Rick Laurin and seconded by Lisa LaFountain, the minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

John Krueger gave an update on the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership projects. The organization covers 11 counties and 9,000 square miles in New York, Vermont and Canada. They will have a budget of \$300,000 for our area. They are involved with Wayside exhibits with QR codes (smartphone reading). 20 more are scheduled to be created. There will be a National Heritage Summit next year in New York or Vermont. They will continue their stakeholder coordination to interpret commercial, traditional and modern uses of water.

Arts and Humanities grants of \$5,000 will be given for studies of such areas as folk arts, historical camps, and music camps of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. They would like to develop a market for bike routes.

Wayside Exhibits, Phase 1, was done for the war of 1812. Next will be Phase 2 of the War of 1812, and also Phase 1 of the Civil War. Other interests are the impact on historical resources of the floods of the spring and summer of 2011. Another focus will be on the water trail on Lake Champlain. A grant of up to \$20,000 is available for this. Another project will be a celebration of the 2014 1812 Bicentennial.

David Strack, Commercial Printing Specialist from the Press Republican, spoke about our printing up Passports for the forthcoming Museum Week, May 31 to June 6<sup>th</sup>. We need to decide how to participate. Sentiments were for continuing our celebration on Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, 2012. Passports can be printed with our venues and the creation of separate rubber stamps to use for each visitor's passport. David Strack gave information on prices and quantities for Passports. Tammy Rock will explore possible Teacher Center help in creating the Passports. We will give the schools in Clinton County the information but not the Passports, which will be available in each museum or visitor site. Awards and Prizes can be linked to the Passport use, and also a vehicle for advertisements by restaurants and vendors.

Geri Favreau talked about the progress on the Clinton County Civil War celebration. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> has been set for a celebration, as it was on that date in 1862 that the 118<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was formed. These soldiers enlisted for three years, 1862-1865. There will be a stamp cancellation that day, also. Work is underway on establishing the identities of these soldiers and others from Clinton County who were in the Civil War. 3190 names have been found so far and are being checked. These will result in books of soldier information for each of the 19 municipalities. Information on soldier burial sites in the county's 150 cemeteries is also being sought, and a small adhesive label will be placed on the graves by the Eagle Scouts and Girl Scouts. From July 10-20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Civil War Youth Camp in Beekmantown. Speakers and displays are being planned.

John Krueger then discussed the Crete Center development plan, tied in with the Destination Master Plan, which will develop a site to include stores and outlets, boating, skating, sledding, use of multimodal trails (!) and perhaps the hands-on creation by tourists of boats and ships to reflect the War of 1812, as has been previously suggested.

The next ACCA meeting will be Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Plattsburgh Public Library Auditorium from 8-9am.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley A. Ransom  
Secretary