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**How Did We Get Here?
New Hampshire Roads Taken – Or Not
Stratham Heritage Commission Program**

Stratham, New Hampshire, January 28, 2020 - Steve Taylor, former State Agriculture Commissioner and popular New Hampshire Humanities speaker, will present “New Hampshire Roads Taken – Or Not” in an evening program sponsored by the Heritage Commission and supported by “Humanities To Go.” Taylor’s talk will review the history of New Hampshire’s highway choices in the last century and the economic, social, and cultural changes that followed those decisions. The program will be in the Morgera Room at the Stratham Fire House, Winnicutt Rd., on Friday, February 7, at 7PM.

Beyond state-level decisions, in the Seacoast Region the development of roads has also been determined by the geographical challenge of being bordered by the ocean and intersected by Great Bay and its tributary rivers. Back to its origins over 300 years ago Stratham has been profoundly affected by its location between the coastal towns and the interior waterways and between the larger commercial centers of Exeter and Portsmouth.

In the last decade public forums concerning the Gateway Commercial District, the historic Town Center, and the Town Master Plan have all included lively public debate around highways, roads, and traffic. Whether heading for work, school, a hike in the mountains, a day at the beach, or simply trying to cross the road to talk to a neighbor decisions made on the state and local level affect our ability to get around.

Attend this program to understand the historical background and the forces affecting our roads and highways. Friday, February 7, at 7PM in the Morgera Room at the Stratham Fire House, 2 Winnicutt Rd. In case of a storm the program will be postponed to Friday, February 21.

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