HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES TOWN OF DEERFIELD

January 15, 2013

<u>Members present</u>: Jim Deely, Fran Menard, Nancy Brown, Kelly Roberts, Hony Hoague, Carol Levesque, Lindsey Coombs

Guests Present: Mel Graykin, Bernie Cameron, Deb Boisvert, Kate Alexander

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Deely at 7:05 pm. at the Library.

Review of Minutes:

The September 20, 2012 Minutes were accepted as written.

Review of Financials:

Kelly Roberts presented the financial report as follows: Heritage Fund - \$2661.96 + \$200 carried over from the 2013 budget; Town Hall Accessibility Fund - \$7613.72

Old Business:

Jim reported to the group that the moderators' desk has been moved from the Town Hall to Bruce Charest's workshop to start the restoration process. Bruce has reported finding initials printed in one of the drawers which may provide some clue as to its original construction.

New Business:

Bernie Cameron was introduced for her presentation regarding Humanities Council program sponsors in Deerfield. Four town organizations have already expressed interest: Library, Forum, Women's Club and Deerfield Democrats. The individual program cost would be \$50, although "living history" recreation roles can cost up to \$125. The sponsoring organization would be responsible for refreshments and promoting attendance. Programs would start in May and take place at least once a quarter. Bernie Cameron and Marion Smith would work with the Humanities Council and help with presentation details. The Town offers the newly refurbished reception room (old cafeteria) free of charge, or the Town Hall for presentations. Members felt the Town Hall upstairs room with the newly restored theatre curtain displayed (and hopefully the moderators' desk) would be ideal. Bernie provided two copies of the program descriptions and asked that our choices be provided by the end of January.

Jim called for a vote on proceeding with the Deerfield Heritage Commission sponsoring a Humanities Council program, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Other Business:

Deb Boisvert and Mel Graykin reported on the Towns' new web site design, and as the Town needs to be completely in control of content, it makes sense for Heritage to renew our domain and change provider. Deb has been paying for our present website, (\$170 for 2 years, and her contribution (she called it an "emeritus donation") was very gratefully accepted. Jim can move the site to piggyback on one of his.

Deb also told about John Flagg's school project digitizing his complete set of Town Reports, and Lindsey and Mel suggested getting them on line on our web site.

Kelly reported that Sienna sent her a CD with all the photos she had taken for various Heritage projects, which are now available for our web site as well as the town.

The next Meeting Date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 02013.

There being no further business, the meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Fran Menard, Secretary Heritage Commission Website: Deerfieldnh.org