

**HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TOWN OF DEERFIELD
January 19th, 2016**

Members Present: Hony Hoague, Dan Tripp, Mel Graykin, Jim Deely, Fran Menard

The meeting was called to order by Hony Hoague at 7:10 pm at the Library.
Fran Menard apologized for her reminder memo with a mistakenly stated 7:30 start time.

Review of Minutes:

The November 17th, 2015 Minutes were approved as written.

Review of Financials:

The Financial report was waived as Lindsey Coombs was unable to attend the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

There was considerable discussion regarding Town Hall Accessibility issues. The deadline for a 2016 warrant article was January 8th, and even though we have good cost figures for the elevator (\$60,000) the enclosure figures are close to \$100,000. Jim Deely suggested we hire a professional grant writer, such as Liz Hengen of Concord Consultants, to apply for LCHIP funding. Fran will follow through on this possibility, as well as acquiring matching funds from other sources. Publicity on the need for addressing Town hall accessibility issues throughout 2016 should also be a priority.

The Heritage Commission and the Historical Society worked together on a very successful presentation of historical artifacts for the January 9th 250th reenactment of incorporation ceremony at the Town Hall. Our newly created Heritage Commission bookmarks were a very popular handout. Discussion of participation in the July festivities Parade reached the conclusion that Dan Tripp would be willing to drive a car if any members would agree to join him as passenger(s). This will be open for review at our March meeting. Hony will pursue the possibility of creating an herb garden at the Deerfield School as a combined 250th contribution.

New Business:

There was general discussion about the Heritage website, with the conclusion that Jim and Mel will work on creating a more modern redesign. Heritage Commission coverage during the March 19th Library Cabin Fever event has been requested, and availability will be reviewed at our March meeting

After further discussion it was reluctantly suggested by those present that with all the 250th events throughout the year our sponsorship of a Humanities Program in 2016 may not be feasible. This might be open for further consideration at a subsequent meeting.

The next Meeting Date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th, 2016

There being no further business, the meeting **Adjourned** at 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by
Fran Menard, Secretary

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