

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Francestown, New Hampshire

Minutes of Meeting May 10, 2009 at 9am

Present were: Maureen von Rosenvinge, Robert Abbot, Ann Stewart, Barbara Caskie and Carol Barr from FIHS. Mary Lindstrom and Polly Freese were also in attendance.

The minutes for the April 2009 meeting were read and a correction of Maureen von Rosenvinge being President is changed to Chairperson. Minutes were then approved and accepted.

Mary Lindstrom handed out copies of an evaluation that was done by Monadnock Engineering, at the request of the Selectmen, regarding the Town Hall.

It was reported that the information regarding The Historic Register will be put on a CD. Mary Lindstrom asked if there is a list of homes that should like to be added to the Historic Register. After speaking with Diane Curran, she said that she is willing to train any person who is interested in continuing the work that has been done with the historic homes. Jim von Rosenvinge will help anyone with writing descriptions.

Regarding the street lights; Polly Freese stated that the Selectmen will devote one half hour of their upcoming meeting to the issue.

Carol Barr explained the upcoming joint sheep program, taking place on June 11, and showed samples of the post cards and posters. Maureen volunteered to distribute poster to businesses in the area. Barbara Caskie will contact Hilary Graham and ask if she is willing to video tape the event. People are needed to do baking for the program.

Jim von Rosenvinge will be writing an article for the Francestown News on sheep farming in the 1800's.

There was a discussion regarding stimulus monies and grants for the restoration of the Town Hall. There is a number of people and committees in town who are doing research into what is required to receive these monies. Ann Stewart shared information regarding her visit to the Deering Town Hall and their renovation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Caskie

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Present were Maureen vonRosenvinge, Ann Steward, Robert Abbot, Joseph Ludwig and Barbara Caskie.

Maureen is sending a thank you to Mary Lindstrom, past president and to Silas Little, former secretary for their work on the Commission.

At the request of the Francestown Planning Board a special meeting was held on May 16th at 3 pm regarding the application by AT&T to erect a transmission tower on Route 136. The Planning Board requests that the Commission give an opinion as to what impact this tower, and any future facilities, will have on the Town.

It was decided that research on the history of the Carey Property and Sweet Breeze Farm, as well as history on other agricultural properties in town, should be done so as to decide whether these sites will be affected by the development of communication towers. Several town residents will be contacted to gather historical information on farming and agriculture in the past.

Diane Curran and Roon Frost will be asked if they are willing to hold work shops for property owners that would like to be added to the Historical Register.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Caskie