

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting February 11, 2011

Present were Frank Hanchett, Michele Ferencisk, Mary Lindstrom, Maureen vonRosenvinge and Barbara Caskie.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted.

Maureen reported that the Budget Committee approved \$900 for The Heritage Commission rather than the \$1,000 that was requested. The Commission is to be under the Planning Board in the Town Report.

Dodgeco reported that if the basement and trusses, of the Town Hall, were to be repaired, the first floor could be opened to the public. It was noticed that there was rot found in the trusses under the bell tower. It was unanimously approved to pay the bill for Dodgeco for the stamped plans.

At a Selectmen's meeting there was a discussion of the breakdown of the Warrant Articles and it was decided that the repairs of the basement and furnace of the Town Hall will not be done this year. The cost of repairs to make the building useable will be \$25,000 for the basement and the cost of the furnace between \$8 and \$14,000.

The grant from The National Trust needs to be closed out. LCHIP will be extended until the middle of the year and then we will need to reapply. At year end there is \$780 remaining the Commission's fund and will be moved to a bank that doesn't charge interest.

There was a discussion as to how to spend \$8,000 of LCHIP monies. It has to be put towards planning and must be used by June. Maybe towards replacing windows?

It was approved to accept a \$1,000 donation received in January in memory of Frank Jones.

The Commission is looking for new members due to retirements.

A plan for fund raising is needed.