

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of April 13, 2013 Public Meeting

Present: Maureen vonRosenvinge, BJ Carbee, Barbara Caskie, Michele Ferencsik, Elly Miles
Absent: Betsy Hardwick, Becky Meattay
Others: Donna Barbalato, Scott Carbee, Warren Kiblin

Maureen opened the meeting. The minutes for the 3/9/13 meeting were approved.

Maureen reported that Warrant Article #5 was approved at Town Meeting, but Warrant Article #13 was not. She also said that due to bridge construction and several other projects it was unlikely that the Town could contribute any additional funding for the Town Hall restoration for at least five or six years.

An alternative to waiting for Town funding would be to formalize the Restoration Plan and get the major construction done with a bond before construction costs rise. This would include construction of the addition, bathrooms, wiring, heating and handicapped access.

This situation increases the necessity of continuing public outreach. It is important for Francestown residents to take responsibility for their Town Hall. The Commission needs to develop promotion/fundraising events. To this end Maureen requested that each member put together a fundraising plan and the steps to accomplish it that center around Town Hall use and activity and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

To increase public awareness of work accomplished and work to be done, funding achieved and funding needed to go forward, Maureen asked Elly to develop her idea of using a thermometer schematic. Elly agreed to bring a model to the next meeting. It was also suggested that this type of sign could also be a vehicle for contractor donations and advertising credit for same.

Maureen requested approval to pay two invoices:

- 1) \$853.56 to Glen Dodge for completed work to be paid in advance of receipt of Grant funds covering this expense and
- 2) \$1250.00 to Greg Cope for the report and recommendations for work to be done on Town Hall windows.

The Commission approved payment of both invoices by unanimous vote.

Maureen said she believed she was required to put finishing the work in the Town Hall basement out to bid even though Glen Dodge had started the work last year. BJ Carbee said there was a two-year grace period before new bids were required. Maureen then moved that the Heritage

Commission wants to hire Glen Dodge to finish the work he began in the basement. BJ seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Michele volunteered to meet with Maureen to set up the files in the recently purchased file cabinet. Mike Petrovik has agreed to redo the Town Hall drawings gratis. Maureen wants to be sure both architects understand the Town's requirement that any actual construction work would be put out for bids.

A call for personal memories of Town Hall experiences was suggested as a topic for the next Francestown News article. Michele agreed to write up the request.

Maureen said Dianne Curran had written her that she had had no word from Peter Michaud and would contact him upon her return from Israel.

Maureen reminded Commission members to study the LCHIP Guidelines RSA:227-M and the Stewardship Agreement before the next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be May 11, 2013 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles