

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION  
Minutes of May 11, 2013

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

Maureen opened the meeting. The minutes for the 4/13/13 meeting were approved as written.

According to Maureen the 4/25/13 Ledger article about the Town Hall restoration is not accurate. She will contact the paper with the correct information.

Maureen attended the Board of Selectmen meeting and obtained approval for Glen Dodge to complete the work begun in the Town Hall basement. He has started to replace columns and believes he will finish by the end of May.

Dodge reports that materials need to be removed from the basement such as window sashes, the Christmas tree sign and filing cabinets. Scott Carbee stated file cabinets were retired from the annex and are no good except for scrap metal. The furnace needs to be removed as it is under the place where work is to be done. Maureen said Glen's father is interested in having the safe. Scott Carbee said there are two safes and he would check with Alan Thulander about their disposition. He thought one was slated to go to the Beehive. If they can have them, Glen would remove scrap metal items and his father would remove the safe.

Warren Kiblin said the traffic counter chain and padlock belonging to the Planning Board was also there.

The concensus was that items to be kept need to be labeled and that the old stall for carriages in the horse sheds could be converted for storage.

Maureen planned to meet with Scott to identify items.

Glen will level the floor. He thinks there will be enough funds to cover floor with poly to stop moisture from going up; moisture on wall needs to be corrected. If dry, the building could be used for archival storage.

Maureen reported on the 5/7/13 Master Plan Committee Meeting. The planned agenda was to discuss matching up town buildings with town needs but discussion focused mostly on Town Hall. In spite of Commission outreach and publicity Maureen said many misconceptions regarding the Town Hall renovation are still prevalent.

In conjunction with the Old Meeting House Road Race on 5/25, it was requested that the Heritage Museum, FIHS, and the Town Hall be open. It was agreed that Maureen would do tours with backup from Elly and Scott would monitor the second floor if necessary.

Discussion of guidelines was postponed.

A discussion of Town Hall outreach and fundraising resulted in a proposal for a "Meet Your Town Day" rather than a fund raiser specifically for the Town Hall. All town government, cultural and recreational groups would be invited to introduce their activities to attendees. Pending Board of Selectmen approval, 2-4 PM at the Town Hall on September 14th or 21st was approved as a target date. BJ Carbee remarked on the effectiveness of FIHS T-shirts; she knows the artist and will look into production for a Town Hall T-shirt.

Elly Miles will look into a donation box for the Town Hall and print more flyers.

Article ideas for the Frankestown News included a brief summary of the restoration progress and monies spent to date and some mention of the "Know Your Town Day" event.

Scott Carbee summarized the Jim Doherty quote for painting the OMH and that of Phil D'Aranza for repairing the clock. Maureen believes she could apply for a grant for the clock if she had information regarding history and value.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

The next regular meeting will be June 8, 2013 at 9 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles