

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of September 21, 2013 Public Meeting

Present: Maureen vonRosenvinge, Barbara Caskie, Diane Curran, BJ Carbee, Michele Ferencsik, Betsy Hardwick & Elly Miles

Also Present: Abigail Arnold, Pamela Avery, Scott Carbee, Polly Freese, Warren Kiblin, Brooks & Nancy Rice

Maureen vonRosenvinge opened the meeting at 4:15 PM. She summarized Mike Petrovick's new design which incorporates many features common to his and Susan Phillips Hungerford's original conceptual designs presented at the November 2012 Public Meeting.

Maureen explained some of the design features and associated costs. A 2nd entrance is required by the Safety Code. The basement entrance area could have an additional bathroom. Adjustments to Code requirements may be possible based on actual use (i.e. permission not to have 6 bathrooms will be requested). Mike retained Susan's idea of grading the front walkway for equal access and replaced an elevator with a LULA (limited access, limited use) to the left of the main entry for wheelchair/handicap access to the 2nd Floor. The cost would be \$30,000 to \$35,000. The pantry area would be retained for storage and food service for events. The south wall of the foundation needs to be reinforced. The electrical system is already functioning per Scott Carbee. The basement work is complete except for the floor.

In response to a question regarding money spent, Maureen said in round figures \$111,000 covered the truss repairs and basement work. \$32,000 for planning came from LCHIP and National Trust and in-kind donations. The Heritage Commission raised 30% of total cost. The in-kind donation from Mike Petrovick valued at \$50,000 - \$60,000 is valid for use in grant applications for two years.

In general most of the people present liked the revised design and felt it was appropriate to go forward in determining what adjustments to Code requirements are possible.

BJ Carbee thanked Maureen for all her hard work in planning, fundraising and getting the structural repairs accomplished so that the Town Hall could be open again for limited use.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles