

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of January 26, 2013 Meeting

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

Maureen reported that \$1,254.77 remained after the final calculation of the LCHIP grant funds expended. LCHIP strongly recommends that all grant monies be used by the end of the Grant period. March, when they have their next Board meeting, is the end of our extension so it is critical we spend the money. She has talked with Greg Cope about a preliminary study re the Town Hall windows. One question is the feasibility of moving the oldest windows that contain the old rolled glass to the second floor level. This would be a part of closing out the planning phase and would partially address energy conservation goals. The Commission members agreed that she should finalize the agreement with Greg for a \$1250.00 feasibility proposal.

The Commission will not submit a warrant article requesting a separate CIP line item this year.

The wording of the article to approve replacing the temporary support posts with new upgraded steel rods will be altered to request \$22,500 from the town, the remaining \$22,500 to be raised by the Commission through grants and fund raising and be non lapsing.

An announcement of the public meeting on 2/15 at 7 PM in the lower level of the Town Offices Building will be in the February Francestown News. Doors will open at 6:30 PM for people to come and look at the architectural drawings before discussion begins.

Diane Curran gave an update on the status of the Town Hall Study Group report. Steve Griffith has done the architectural study. She is waiting for confirmation of guidelines from Peter Michaud to complete the report for the National Registry.

Scott Carbee reported on information gathered for work on the Meeting House steeple and the Town Clock.

The estimate is \$3000 per face for the three clock faces. (The fourth is glass.) The Meeting House Foundation is responsible for painting the steeple. He has estimates for a 2- and 4-week rental of a cherry picker. Maureen said she believes there is a grant available for Artifacts of Historical Significance in Small Towns and she will investigate that.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles

