

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION  
Minutes of February 8, 2014 Meeting

Present: Maureen VonRosenvinge, BJ Carbee, Barbara Caskie, Diane Curran, Betsy Hardwick, Elly Miles  
Excused: Michele Ferencsik  
Others: Scott Carbee, Warren Kiblin

The minutes of the 1/11/14 meeting were corrected and approved.

Diane Curran opened discussion for presenting the bond issue to the public. She passed out a summary used in Nelson for their Town Hall bond which could be used as a model for an information flyer.

There will be a meeting on February 11th at 7 PM for Town Warrant article discussion including the bond. Maureen requested all Commission members attend. She stressed the need to help people understand why the bond is necessary, why renovation needs to be completed all at once, and that any construction requires compliance with codes.

Why now? LCHIP currently has funding available. Building codes may change and require more expense a few years' from now. Construction costs will rise. It makes sense to have use of the building now that structural repairs have been completed.

It is important to answer the question "why a million-dollar town hall?" The town's portion would be \$300,000 not a million. The bond is a method to leverage more funds to accomplish total funding for the renovation.

Replace Bump out and Demolition	\$355,000
South Foundation Wall Upgrade	\$50,000
Upgrades to existing building:	
Permanent replacement of temporary supports	\$45,000
All other	\$430,000
Building Costs	\$880,000
Grant Funding	\$415,000
Town Funding	\$300,000
Donations	\$135,000
In Kind Labor/Supplies	\$30,000
Construction Funding	\$880,000
Architectural Services	\$60,000
Management/Oversight	\$83,000
Donated Services	\$143,500

Article 6 of the Warrant lists \$95,000 in undesignated surplus funds to be used to get deferred maintenance completed on several town buildings including the Town Hall (paint tower and ballisters, repair of 2 louvers and chimney covers).

BJ requested an updated brochure to hand out at Town Meeting.

Maureen has submitted the Heritage Commission Annual Report.

Maureen thanked Barbara Caskie for her service and for agreeing to serve another term on the Commission.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2014 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles