

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of November 8, 2014 Meeting

Present: BJ Carbee, Barbara Caskie, Diane Curran, Michele Ferencsik, Betsy Hardwick, Elly Miles, Lisa Stewart

Others: Lisa Bourbeau, Scott Carbee, Polly Freese, Cecily Houston, Warren Kiblin

The meeting began at 9:10 AM. The draft minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting for September 13, 2014 were reviewed. To clarify Friend's of the Town Hall funding support, Michele moved that having obtained the approval of the donor, \$1,000 of the original \$25,000 donation be designated for initial reimbursement of Friend's expenses. BJ moved to accept the draft minutes as written with the above motion included and the spelling of Al Van Cleave's name corrected. Seconded by Diane Curran. All in favor.

Lisa reported that she has a full set of books completed through 11/7/14. From 1/1/14 through 11/7/14 donations totaled \$8,086.47, interest was \$21.68, and \$600.00 in expense. The 11/7/14 balance was \$34,478.19. Diane moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by BJ and all were in favor.

Michele recapped the Friend's photography exhibit on October 11th. Twelve photographers were represented and feedback on the event has been very positive. She thanked Scott Carbee for attending and hoped the other selectmen would be able to attend future events.

Cecily Houston said both Town Hall mugs and T-shirts in a limited edition are available for sale locally and on-line. Jessica Wales, a niece of Lisa Bourbeau, created the impressive design. Both Elly and Cecily expressed great appreciation for her donation of time and talent. They also thanked Lisa Bourbeau as the driving force in getting this project off the ground.

Due to the expense and operation complications, the Commission decided not to pursue having a credit card account.

Elly noted with regret the passing of L. Charles Royce, Jr., highly regarded conservationist and long-time LCHIP board member.

She stated that November 17th is the date for the LCHIP board to meet and determine Grant Round 13 recipients. In response to LCHIP's request for an update to the application, she has sent information about the Friend's formation and activities, the window sponsorship program, repairs and painting of the Town Hall, the invitation for her to address the annual meeting of the Francestown Improvement & Historical Society, and the application for listing of the Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. For the latter the Commission expresses its gratitude to Jim Garvin, past NH State Historian, for so generously offering his expertise in filing the application.

Elly reported that as requested the CIP projections list painting the two sides and rear of the Town Hall but only after the rehabilitation is completed. The horsesheds are also listed for repair, preferably in

2015. Members of the Commission agreed that all buildings on the Common including the horsesheds and the beehive need to be preserved.

BJ said that many people have inquired about the fundraising sign on the common. Commission members voted to do a town-wide mailing explaining the fund drive and soliciting end-of-the-year tax deductible donations. Michele will meet with Elly to draft the letter and the December article for the Frankestown News and local papers.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be 12/13/14 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles