

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of June 14, 2014 Meeting

Present: Barbara Caskie, Diane Curran, Michele Ferencsik,
Elly Miles, Lisa Stewart

Excused: BJ Carbee, Betsy Hardwick

Others: Scott Carbee, Polly Freese, Warren Kiblin

The minutes of the Heritage Commission meetings for May 10, 2014 and June 5, 2014 were approved.

Elly distributed information packets containing Heritage Commissions for New Hampshire Communities and RSA 673:4-a Heritage Commissions, the Land Trust Alliance "Land Trust Standards and Practices" and their "Applicability within the Framework of Historic Preservation Projects." Commission members will review the Standards prior to drafting and signing a resolution stating adoption of the Standards.

The Commission elected Elly Miles as Chair and Michele Ferencsik as Co-Chair. Michele Ferencsik was appointed as the Commission representative to the Heritage Museum Committee.

The Commission voted unanimously to continue using the name Heritage Museum out of respect for Alan Thulander's wishes and to express their concern to the BOS over the possible change of name to O. Alan Thulander Agricultural & Vehicular Museum.

Elly reported that the requested changes to the Garvin report had been made and that the LCHIP application was in the final stages of revision.

Fundraising for the Town Hall was discussed as the most important upcoming Commission activity. Suggestions included locating businesses that might donate construction materials, businesses that were supportive of community projects, corporate or individual sponsorship of window repairs and researching further grant possibilities. Michele suggested organizing a Friends of the Town Hall in response to several requests. The Commission accepted her offer to investigate setting up a group of this type.

In addition to Labor Day, the Commission members will open and staff the Town Hall on Saturday, July 19 and Saturday, August 16 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Scott Carbee said Frank Shea of the Greenfield Historical Society would be requesting the loan of the stage from the Francestown Heritage Museum for exhibition at the Greenfield Summer Festival. When safety and timely return factors were raised he said it would be housed in the new barn and available for viewing only. Michele moved to support the loan assuming proper insurance and all safety precautions were in place and it is

approved by the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Commission voted to accept two additional memorial donations for Maureen von Rosenvinge subject to Board of Selectmen approval.

Elly said that James Garvin has asked Mike Branley if the BOS and the Commission would like him to complete the application process for National Register status for the Town Hall. The Commission members voted unanimously for Mike to pursue this option.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be July 12, 2014 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles