

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of August 2, 2014 Meeting

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

Excused: Betsy Hardwick

Others: Betty Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, Scott Carbee, Polly Freese,
Ruth Behrsing

The minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting for July 12, 2014 were approved with the spelling correction of Abbot to Abbott.

In view of the upcoming fund raising in support of the Town Hall project, Elly asked that the Commission add another officer, a Treasurer. BJ so moved, seconded by Michele with a unanimous vote to establish the position. The Commission members voted unanimously to elect Lisa Stewart to this position.

Elly said she had sent a draft of the Resolution to adopt the Land Trust Alliance's *Land Trust Standards and Practices* to Amy Dixon at LCHIP for verification that the wording was acceptable to LCHIP. Amy replied that the resolution as written fulfilled LCHIP's requirement and a copy of the resolution and the cover letter to the Land Trust Alliance was sufficient documentation for LCHIP. Diane moved that the Commission adopt the Land Trust Standard's and Practices as specified in the Resolution. Barbara seconded the motion; the vote to adopt was unanimous. Elly will take care of completing the paperwork.

The fundraising discussion topics included window sponsors, named rooms, a community letter, regional donors and pursuing additional grant funding. It is important for an LCHIP applicant to demonstrate intent and ability to carry the Town Hall project through to completion in order to be considered for an award.

Michele said the Friends of the Town Hall were considering both a float in the Labor Day Parade and an October event. Lisa's company will supply the flatbed and a driver. October 11 was selected as the best day for the event.

Staffing was confirmed for the Town Hall open day on August 16, 2014. There was discussion as to what should be done on Labor Day to showcase the Town Hall as FIHS activities preclude tours. Having a booth was suggested as well as requesting Charlie Pyle to speak of the Town Hall and refer people to the booth.

Commission members agreed that a monthly article in the Frankestown News was important to keep the community informed of Heritage Commission activities in general and regarding the Town Hall in particular. With input from the Commission and the Friends, Diane and Elly will co-author articles.

Scott reported on the work being done on the Town Hall tower. The louvers are being repaired, one corner reinforced and the railing replaced. The question was raised as to whether or not a safety check of the eagle and roof shingles would be done while the lift was there. Elly was requested to inquire at the August 4th Selectmen's meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be September 13, 2014 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles