

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of September 13, 2014 Meeting

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

The meeting began at 9:15 AM. The draft minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting for August 2, 2014 were reviewed. Lisa made a motion to approve draft minutes as written. Seconded by BJ. All in favor.

Lisa said she would have a full Treasurer's report at the next meeting. She requested a Commission PO Box. Expense reimbursement for Elly approved and co-signed.

Michele said the Friends of the Town Hall met at Cecily and Ken Houston's home September 10th. Cecily Houston & Lisa Bourbeau will serve as Co-chairs and Dennis Orsi as Treasurer. No dues are required to join the Friends. The Friends are planning to stage four events per year in support of the Town Hall. They also plan to create a video of past Town Hall events to be kept at the Town Hall. The Friends will set up a Facebook page and use email for communication. Due to time constraints the Friends plan to hold one event this year on October 11th. The Town Hall will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM for cider and donuts and an informal exhibit of the photos of Francestown photographers.

Elly reported she met with the Board of Selectmen August 4th and received sign approval and window sponsorship approval. Naming of rooms was approved in theory but the amount is yet to be determined. Window sponsorships will be announced in the October Francestown News and she will try for Ledger coverage. Al Van Cleve has finished the fund raising sign and it will go up on Oct 11th at the Friends Town Hall Open Day. Having items on hand for sale during tours was discussed. T-shirts, magnets and suncatchers were favored as the most practical and likely to sell.

Scott said the clock repair is almost complete except for the clock faces. Roman numerals and minutes are done but the original hands which are 100 years old are badly cracked. They will be replicated from wood of the same type and age.

Scott said the Town Hall bell tower has been repaired. The deteriorating soffits and the rotted main 4x6 timber have been replaced. The old roof shingles have been removed and a new layer of shingles covers the original tin roof. Jim Doherty of Target New England donated the copper flashing and assumed the cost of the lift. Scott will get the value for the in-kind donation record.

Warren has completed the repair and renovation of the Fairbanks scale platform and built a storage box for the lift arms which will be kept in the Heritage Museum cellar for possible future renovation.

Elly said that CIP line item requests were due in mid-October. The Town Administrator had requested feedback by October 1st on a line item for painting the two sides of the Town Hall. Commission members are in favor of the request with the provision that the work not be done until the planned Town Hall rehabilitation is complete.

Commission members agreed to attend and support the Friends of the Town Hall event on October 11th in lieu of a formal meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be November 8, 2014 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles