

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of September 12, 2015 Meeting

Present: Barbara Caskie, BJ Carbee, Brad Howell, Diane Curran, Michele Ferencsik,
Lisa Stewart, Elly Miles
Others: Scott Carbee, Warren Kiblin, Mary Lindstrom

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Mike Petrovick, architect for the Town Hall Project, spoke to the Commission on current progress. He is working with Always Accessible LULA for the lift. Dawson Electric is devising a lighting plan which includes windows with timer lights. He is considering an economical hydro-air system to heat the building. An air handler would be placed in the attic and another in the basement, run by a small boiler in the basement, to heat each floor separately and minimize ductwork and intrusiveness. It can handle air conditioning if wanted. Because three supporting structural posts near the entryway must stay, the front hallway remains as is but will be renovated. The stairway will also be retained and the hall flooring can be refinished. He's preparing a listing of finishings. He will be supplying all construction design information to MacMillin and they will prepare construction budget by 9/28.

Motion by Lisa to approve August 8, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

Motion by Brad to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Michele. All in favor.

Michele said the Friends will do the Sip & Scan of residents' photos of the Town Hall at the Town Hall, Noon to 2, on October 10. The Picnic will be held next year in warmer weather. Jeff Levis will lead a Reading at the FIHS Lodge on Main Street, Sunday, Sept. 20 at 5 PM.

Elly said Dave & Deb Adams have volunteered to remove and store the stage curtain and hardware. They have the Commission's approval and thanks for undertaking this project. Elly will check for concurrence with the BOS.

Carol & Stewart Brock are organizing a Halloween Costume Party Town Hall Fund Raiser on October 30, 7-10 PM. All proceeds going to the Town Hall Project.

Elly reported that fundraising efforts continue as a substantial amount still has to be raised. She and Diane prepared a direct appeal letter sent to 120 potential donors at the end of August. They have contacted several suggested major potential donors. Grant writing continues. The Verney Foundation will not contribute at this time but the Cogswell Benevolent Trust awarded a grant of \$10,000.00.

Elly reviewed pre-construction funding which covers project design/plan work by Dodgco, Carter Sprinkler Company, Dawson Electrical, a heating system Energy Use model, and MacMillin project planning as well as Bruss Owner's Rep contract.

Motion by Lisa to approve \$1140.00 for Energy Use model. Seconded by Michele. All in favor. Motion by Michele to approve \$1710.00 for August Bruss Management payment. Seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission will be October 10, 2015 in the Town Hall, Noon to 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Elly Miles