Francestown, NH Heritage Commission Meeting Nov 12, 2016 9:00 AM

Attendees: Members:	Michele Ferencsik, Barbara Caskie, Lisa Stewart, Ruth Behrsing, Brad Howell
Alternates:	BJ Carbee, Elly Miles
Excused:	
Others	Scott Carbee, Polly Freese, Warren Kiblin, Betty Behrsing

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes for meeting from Oct 8, 2016. Michele motion to accept, Barb second, all in favor. Question about the Francestown News. Article in Francestown News was not from the Heritage Commission. Will ask Barbara Miller about how to respond to the article.
- 2. Fundraising: We have spent our seed money.

Plaque money refund will be taken from a couple of accounts. Have an invoice from Macmillin for \$7060. How to pay? Scott clarified that the bill comes now as there was a thought that the project would start and the bill would be part of the billing. There was a charge for putting together the plan. The bill has to be paid. If the construction went forward, it would of been part of the construction price. Elly has a donor that she could ask to release their funds for pre-construction. We could also release some bank interest. T-shirt and mug sales is about \$1800 dollars. Elly will add her donation and with the donor releasing theirs, the bill could be covered. But the Heritage Commission has paid a lot of money and the BOS should pay this last bill. Brad feels that we are all working towards the same goal, but the bill needs to be paid.

Michele made a motion that we ask the BOS to help find a solution to pay the Macmillin bill. All in favor. Are there any other outstanding bills? Elly mentioned one maybe from fire suppression company for \$2500+-. We have already paid \$27,000 for pre-construction.

Do we have any printing bills? We have \$300 in the printing account? Can we move this money? We need to update the letter to hand out, but we can print those in house. Jamie can print, its in-house printing. Elly has a sheet of the history of what we have done, 2010 to now and a card to send with their check. Elly will send the card to Lisa S and she will print some.

We have the information from California. Have the pledge commitment form, Letter of intent \$25000 at beginning and end, \$50000 matching funds. We will keep a list of

donors and grant money. Halloween was \$1305 which can be matched. The benefit concert from Sept could be included. This matching will help with fund raising. A grant request to Benjamin Cust and one for Bernie Foundation are going out. HC thanks Brad for his work on the grant. BJ asks for clarification about BOS meeting and eligibility for grants. At the meeting the BOS said they could not just change the wording in a grant request but felt it should be individualized and tailored to the specific grant. There are federal programs that give grants and we qualify by population but not by income.

Should we send out an update to current donors, so need to keep some money back in mailing. Bulk mailings are a waste, lot are trashed.

Are friends doing the Christmas fair?

- 3. New Business: Went before BOS and we don't need to go to CIP. BOS will cover horse sheds and scales and LCHIP stewardship is ok for now. Scott suggested HC have line items for maintenance of historical items so there will be someone pushing these tasks. Michele will look into this. Polly mentioned that the CIP has plans for painting, etc.
- 4. Publicity: Update for newspapers about new grant. Keene, Ledger, etc. Ruth will send Marti dates for our 2017 Sat meetings.
- 5. Date for Next Regular Meeting Dec 10, 2016, 9:00 AM.
- 6. Adjourn: 10:01 AM