

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes of April 27, 2016 Meeting

Attendees:	Michelle Ferencsik, Lisa Stewart, Barbara Caskie, Ruth Behrsing, Elly Miles, BJ Carbee,
Excused:	Brad Howell
Others	Betty Behrsing, Polly Freese

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm

The meeting is being digitally recorded and will be handed in to Town Administrator after the meeting. This will be the norm.

Motion by Michelle that Ruth will be the liaison to the Friends. All in favor.

Motion by Lisa Stewart to accept April 9 minutes. Seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

Old Business

Update on fund raising options.

- Plans for a Sip and Scan are in the works and people can bring in photos and they will be scanned and returned right there at the town hall. They will be used for a slideshow about the town hall.
- The drama options will be explored when everyone is back here for the summer.
- Carol Brock might do the Halloween party but nervous about natural ingredients and fire hazards. Need other ways to decorate.

New Business

Michelle proposed we go before BOS. A lot of discussion on what we hope to accomplish and how to get us to move forward.

1. Need history of what has been done. BOS may just say we haven't raised money. Need to know what they have done. We could ask the BOS what they have done from the plan of action. However, it looks like they have done all the points from the action plan.
2. Therefore, we need an action plan for going forward for the next year.
3. We should present to the BOS the topics we want second opinions on.
4. Call for review of expenses. Plans still not submitted to Jenna. Eldon Munson was mentioned as a possible person to consult with to look at the project plans and point out any issues. Want a new person to look at plans and ways to cut budget. Need the plans to go to Jenna. We should be able to get some waivers. Jenna has a plan copy but the latest is not with Jenna. Question raised: Will waivers be accepted by people such as fire marshall.

Barbara Miller will give monthly report on grant status. Got \$10,000 from Cogswells because of alumni of Francestown Academy. There is a Franklin Pierce Library in Washington, NH and maybe we can find out how they are funded. FIHS might have list of attendees of the Academy and we can write to them. Maybe the Francestown Academy has list of graduates. Bart Hardwick is president. Bev Abbott, Bobbie Abbott, Henry Kunhardt on Academy board.

Henry came to Michelle to ask about fundraising and it was great that he came to the source. Wanted the town center back. However, there are concerns about spending too much money. Polly mentioned that Henry has good memories and that the Town Hall is important to the town community.

Elly mentioned another system for fire suppression. There are options so we need another opinion. Elly will try to find out more information and will have a discussion with Skip. This is a topic that the 2nd opinion could address. We should ask Skip to address fire suppression system at our next meeting.

The Heritage Commission is looking for a second opinion to help cut corners. Part of the back wall has to be repaired.

Michelle will ask BOS when we can be on the agenda.

Lisa Stewart will check the mail and pick up the checks. Elly has town hall key.

Any other business

Next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission will be May 14, Sat 9:00 am: Lisa S won't be there.

Any events planned besides Halloween party. Do a 50/50 raffle.

Michele made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Barbara. Adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Behrsing