

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes of May 14, 2016 Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM.

Motion by Ruth B to accept April 27 minutes. Seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

Lisa S sent in the Treasurer's report: Changes were \$26.60 in bank interest, and \$50 from the Friends.

Old Business

The meeting with the BOS was moved to 23 May, 2016. We were asked to delay a week as the Town Hall Streaming was added to the 16th May agenda.

New Business

Brad talked to Michele about frequency of meetings and we will continue to meet once a month, unless an extra one is needed.

Michele spoke with Jenna of LCHIP and she has been very helpful. Jenna needs the plans to determine their compliance with LCHIP specifications. Jenna has hooked us up with Maggie Stern (Steir) from the NH Preservation Alliance. They facilitate the process of getting things done since we are now a NH Historical Site.

Lisa B, Cecily, Michele and Barbara Miller met with Maggie. Was a meet and greet meeting. Met for four hours.

BJ said that it is important for all members to know when there is a meeting. Feels like we need to make sure we are not having "secretive" meetings. Since there was no quorum, no minutes were needed. Want to make sure we are transparent. LCHIP set up the meeting. Scott said a simple procedure is to have a workshop, rather than a meeting.

Key points from Maggie:

- She can give us a list of people who can look at the plans and give us second opinions.
- Talked about the fact that 16 months has passed with no change.
- Jenna now has the plans from October. It is important that LCHIP is kept in the loop and is able to see what we have planned (they have allocated us \$200,000)
- Talked about fund raising and mailing to residents and donors to let them know what is happening with their donations.
- Maggie will give independent eyes to the project to preserve the Historical aspect and keep to code
- Maggie feels we should suspend fundraising till we have plans OKed by LCHIP and Secretary of Interior criteria. BOS needs to get plans that have LCHIP and Secretary of Interior approval and then a final bid.
- The Heritage Commission should host a party to recognize the Town Hall/Town Common recognition on the National Register of Historic Places. We should mount the plaque and make it a celebration. Will need to check with BOS. Michelle would like to put a motion forward to have the party the 10 or 17 of

July. Could use the sip and scan idea then as well. Paste the plans on the wall of the Town Hall for all to see. Mike B and Mike P should be there. Being on the National Register is a big deal. Have all buildings/items open that were given recognition recently or earlier -- Fairbanks scale, Horse sheds, Bee Hive, Meeting House and The Common and the Town Hall.

There was an article in Union Leader. (see attached) Charlie Pyle seems to represent the Heritage Commission in the article. However, the Heritage Commission should be the spokesperson. Michelle will chat with Jamie about who is the spokesperson. The Beehive is not a town project but should be open on the Celebration day as well as the Meeting House.

Ruth made a motion for the party/celebration to be held on Sunday July 17th if the calendar fits (Michele will check). Seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

FYI: We are members of the NH Preservation Alliance and they send out useful information.

Michele called Larry Kullgren to come to the meeting. He was unable to attend but he met with Michael P and they are trying to work something out with the fire suppression system. Elly gave a handout on a type of fire repression info. Need to review what requirements we must have with Light Hazard Occupancy. We may have our hands tied by the state level and make sure any changes to the plan won't affect safety.

Ruth made a motion to go before BOS: We cannot apply for grants unless we have a final budget figure and we will take a hiatus on fund raising until we have final plans meeting Secretary of Interior criteria and accepted by LCHIP. Seconded by Barbara. All approve.

Michele will write a blurb for the presentation based on our motion.

Scott suggested the Heritage Commission (HC) form a subcommittee to help review the plans. Tabled to next meeting.

Clarification Points: On Oct 2015, Town Hall plans were released. McMillan Construction bid based on those plans. Michael Bruss was hired to bring us through the pre-construction phase. He was to identify what needed to be done, the code requirements and get the plans ready for bids. A report from him about our status at the end of the pre-construction phase would be good. Michelle will speak to Maggie about getting a report as Maggie has to call Michael Bruss anyway.

Barbara Miller is pursuing support and donations from graduates of Frankestown Academy.

The three judges at Labor Day are associated with LCHIP and NH Charitable Foundation. This Town Hall project is very public and we need to be positive in our approach to BOS and be aware of the deadlines approaching and need to show some forward movement.

Michele will keep us in the loop with Maggie's progress.

Michele made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Barbara. Adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Behrsing