

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes of August 13 2016 Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am

Minutes from July 9th approved as amended: Motion by Brad, Second by Barbara, all in favor.

Diane showed poster to for Concert/Dance. She read the press release for dance/concert Sat September 24th, 7:30. Scott will help with setup around 1 pm. The Friends will provide refreshments. The band will setup around 6 and we should get there at 6:30. Let's add families are welcome to the press release. 12 and under are free. Add to sign. Families are welcome, children under 12 are free.

Treasurer's report for June accepted. Motion to accept by Ruth. Second by Barb. All in favor.
Treasurer's report for July accepted. Motion to accept by Second by Barb. All in favor.

Need to approve Barbara Miller invoice \$225 for July 11th. Motion by Brad, second by Barb. All in favor.

Need an invoice from Mike Bruss with better narrative on what he did to represent us. Ask him for copies of monthly meetings where he represented us. Need to know outcomes from his reviews. Lisa mentioned that we could have him include future minutes with his invoices but not to go back in time to find the others. Specifically would like minutes from MacMillin and budget. We had reps at those meetings Elly will send out copies of the meetings she has. Brad said that Mike Bruss did a good job of representing us at those meetings. Michele feels we need an accountability summary report. BOS decides if Mike Bruss will continue to be our representative. We could ask for future invoices to have more detail.

We need to know which fund account will be used to pay bills. It should come from Seed money and that fund is down to \$1980.68. Will need to look at what to do when that is gone.

The total for the town hall is \$999,190 (from Nov 2015 with \$968000 plus soft costs). Soft costs are engineering, project rep costs. This is the best estimate we have now. The price had an expiration date. Was accurate in Jan 2016. The cost could go up. We need to go with that number \$999,190. Brad said we can go forward with that number and the changes that Mike P will make are minor. Mike B, Mike P and MacMillin all have worked with LCHIP and know the issues. We should not wait any longer.

Michele mentioned that we are not looking for excuses to go forward. Would like to see electric bid breakdown of how the total was reached. We no longer have in-kind work. Lisa S says that we have to go with the current numbers, and we have to raise what we can. Then maybe go back to Town Meeting and ask for money from undesignated fund. Want to make sure everyone, BOS and Heritage commission is behind project and ready to go forward.

If you have concerns email them to Michele as she will be writing to Mike B with concerns. Maybe we should email the budget to Barb Miller. Brad can email them to her if he wishes.

Vote at town meeting for the bond was based on in-kind work and that the project could be cut back if we didn't raise enough money. Brad said that you had to submit a bid for in-kind work. There was only one bid. The others in town should of put in bids. When the Town Hall goes out for rebid, have locals put in bids and encourage them to do so.

Michele makes a motion that at bid for the Town Hall Restoration we will make effort to get locals to bid. Ruth second. All in favor.

Barb left at 10:06.

Pledge form: Move to accept the form from Michele, Brad second. All in favor.

BJ talked about Barbara Miller's letter. And also mentioned research on who owns what land by the town common. She spoke to people at Hillsboro Registry of Deeds. Curtis Prest did a survey and wasn't licensed. BJ presented HC with copies of 2 surveys, done by NH licensed surveyor William Falconer. In 1963, Falconer had done a survey of the Town Common, showing all the buildings on town-owned land and all the abutters. The 2nd survey is of the back line of the Town Hall when Oscar Sweet owned what is now Milton's house. Previously HC had been told that we did not have a survey of that back line. BJ wants authorization to get forms/maps from Registry. These would let us know what the town owns. Information we need to keep.

Picnic assignments: Sunday 25th Sept. 12-2 pm.

Games and prizes

Entertainment

50/50 Raffle

Publicity

Elementary School Contact

Think about tasks you would do and contact Michele with your choice. Maybe get PTA involved with games. Maybe the friends can do the 50/50 raffle so no legal issues. Lisa has tickets for the 50/50. Can borrow tables from FHIS. Charge for face painting, BJ got someone committed.

Next meeting is Sat Sept 10th, 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Behrsing