

Francestown, NH
Heritage Commission Meeting
August 11, 2018 9:00 AM

Attendees: Members:	Michele Ferencsik, Ruth Behrsing, Barbara Caskie,
Alternates:	Elly Miles, Pat Krueger
Excused:	BJ Carbee, Brad Howell
Others	Scott Carbee, Polly Freese

1. Meeting called to order at 9:01
2. Acceptance of Minutes for meeting April 2018. Barbara made motion to accept minutes. Elly second. All in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report. Ruth make motion to accept. Elly second. All in favor.

Old Business

4. Report on repair proposals for Town Hall Benches: We have 3 with paint. 4 natural ones. Triplett thought they should be reinforced and joints fixed. Some are missing spindles. \$1700 per bench to strip, repair missing spindles. We do have money as Bev Abbott gave money to do curtains and the rest to work with the benches. Benches need to be fixed. Not necessarily to match. Need to be neat clean and safe. We recommend to access, paint and repair.

New Business

5. Report on Plans for Town Hall Pantry: Town is requesting ideas, plan from people for what they would like to see. They are asking Mike P, caterers, us (Deb Adam is helping us). This will be town money. so it was looked at from the view of what local would need for simple events and what caterers would like. Before add stove need to check on septic. We need to start simply and see how it goes. We have new fridge and can be moved as needed when the sink or stove goes in. Open shelving so can bring in prepared food and bring in equipment. Can see if mice have been there. Want work space. A sink for minimum cleaning. The plan from Deb A has long counter and at window end would be one large sink with splash board on either side. Narrow shelf for dish washing stuff. The built in counter would be laminate, we all liked the lighter one. Also have a stainless steel movable counter. Caterers are coming to give input. Scott mentioned we should have Dept of Health and Sanitation in concord and fire marshals to see what we need to do. There should be a plan for cleaning. Rick Connor is very familiar with the codes. He could be a good resource. Need the state to come down. We are only getting input on what the community would like. May need a hand sink. Can get a lot of fixtures second hand. Maybe have Rick or someone like him address the board and us jointly. Hancock pantry is inspected yearly. Need professional and state knowledge. We should try to get the

building setup so it makes income. Have an informal meeting with BOS and us with others. Michele will ask Jamie to set it up.

6. Storage and Future Use/Safeguarding of Academy Chairs. The town doesn't want them here. We have 69 in horse sheds and 4 in town offices maybe and 6 in library. 30 are in good condition and some that need a little bit of work and some are cracked. Maybe sell as fund raising. BOS need to make decision to protect or to sell see if are part of history of building and what LCIP requires. Chairs were bought by fire department for dinners, bought from Weare.
7. Discuss benches, chairs, pantry as part of joint meeting. Maybe add landscaping into it
8. We don't have a lot of landscaping, what can we do to make it more attractive?. Mike P wanted it simple. Hancock is a good example. Greenfield another example. Ours is quite barren. Pat said she thought the Common much too barren and uninviting. Pat Kruger asked why is the Town Hall landscaping so minimal?
9. Michele replied that Mike Petrovick had previously explained that traditionally the village town halls and meeting houses had no plantings other than grass.
10. Simple shrubs would soften lines and shroud utility cabinets. Low cost shrubs could be obtained at Milligan's Nursery.
11. Scott added that rock "bench" on driveway side of Hall is never used and gets in the way of snow removal.
12. It was suggested that landscaping and the rock bench be added to the agenda for joint discussion with BOS at Plans Going Forward meeting.
13. Memorial window for Maureen and Jim von Rosenvinge needs to move forward.

Fundraising/Stewardship

14. Halloween Party Oct 26 Michele said plans for the Halloween Dance were going forward and made a motion that funds be approved to pay the band. Funds can come from remainder of D. Houston's initial \$25K donation for operating expenses. Seconded by Barbara; all approved.
15. Michele submitted a copy of her letter resigning from the Heritage Commission effective as of the close of today's meeting. Members thanked her for serving and wished her well with her future plans.
16. Date for next Regular Sept 8, 2018 9:00 AM
17. Adjourn 10 AM