

**FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2008 MEETING**

Meeting called to order at 9:00am. Present were Mary Lindstrom Acting Chair, Bobby Abbott, Joe Ludwig, new Alternate Maureen VonRosenvinge, Ann Stewart. Abby Dawson was present as representative from the FHIS Board.

Also not present at this meeting was the Selectmen's Representative Bill McAuley. Lindstrom expressed disappointment and frustration that there would be no response from the Selectmen to the many procedural questions she had posed to the Selectmen at their September 29, 2008 meeting.

Minutes of the September 2008 minutes were approved as presented.

Carolyn "Woody" Woodbury and Jeff Levis presented their request for consideration of a name change from "Town Hall" to "Academy" in recognition of the historic function of that building, and of Francestown's pride in its heritage. Dawson noted that this really would be a "vote to officially name" the building rather than a name change. VonRosenvinge noted that "Town Hall" is in "common usage and not necessarily a formal name." Consensus seemed to be to present this matter to the Selectmen, requesting a warrant article for the Town Meeting of March, 2009. Dawson will bring this matter to the FHIS Board. In further discussion, the possibility of an appropriate informational sign was noted and Jeff Levis offered to pay for such a sign or plaque.

Review of the materials about the Discretionary Preservation Easement was deferred to the next meeting.

Lindstrom reported that some owners of property within the new NH State Register of Historic places in Francestown had inquired about plaques for their houses. In a meeting last year, Beth Muzzy had stated that the State offered no such plaques, but perhaps would in the future. Abbott, Ludwig and Caskie will contact the State for information on plaques.

Ron Cheney had expressed a desire to celebrate in some manner the acceptance of the Main Street-Oak Hill and Mill Village areas to the State Register. The HC recommendation is that he should bring this up with the Selectmen.

Joe Ludwig will prepare the HC article for the November News.

Lindstrom noted the real need to have HC rules of procedure developed and published. Von Rosenvinge offered to look into this.

Within the context of discussion of our agricultural history and a joint program with FHIS on this subject VonRosenvinge noted that there is in her possession a wealth of films documenting sheep farming in town in the 1950's. Dawson will bring this to the FHIS Board. Lindstrom said that it would be helpful and interesting to have an update of the Cochran and Schott recounting of the Town's agricultural activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.