

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION  
Minutes of November 10, 2012 Meeting

Present: Maureen vonRosenvinge, Barbara Caskie, Diane Curran, Elly Miles  
Excused: BJ Carbee, Michele Ferencsik, Betsy Hardwick  
Absent: Becky Meattey

Maureen opened the meeting with a review of the minutes of the two prior meetings. The wording under the LCHIP Stewardship Plan section of the 9/8/12 minutes was changed to read: "In addition to herself, Maureen has asked Ed Gagnon as a person with engineering experience to assist in checking the building." In the 10/13/12 minutes attendance was corrected to show Betsy Hardwick was present, Becky Meattey was absent. The budget line was clarified to read: "The 2013 budget is due next week." Maureen moved to accept both sets of minutes as revised, seconded by Barbara and passed by all present.

It was agreed that Elly would temporarily replace the Community Outreach display poster with an announcement of the upcoming 11/15/12 meeting to present architectural drawings for the Town Hall.

The LCHIP Grant Round 11 site visit to the Town Hall was completed on 11/8/12. Although there are 51 competing applications for an award, the Commission is guardedly optimistic that some assistance will be granted to help fund repair of the king trusses and additional basement support.

Diane Curran, Chair of the Town Hall Study Committee, said Steve Griffin has completed the Narrative Description of the Town Hall and Horse Sheds. He is currently working on revisions per advisory comments from Peter Michaud (NH Division of Historical Resources). Diane is working on The Statement of Significance and also incorporating Peter's editorial suggestions.

Maureen visited renovated buildings in Dublin especially to see a lula (a small lift for passenger transport between floors) in operation. A lula is much less expensive than an elevator.

The conceptual drawings for the Town Hall renovation were received from both architects (Mike Petrovick and Susan Phillips-Hungerford). The public meeting to present the plans (an LCHIP requirement) will be held at 7 PM, Thursday, November 15 at the Town Offices Building, Lower Floor. The architects were requested to submit informal drawings for interior and exterior renovation that maintain the structural integrity and could stand alone by floor to make segmental implementation possible. The plans present different approaches and the Commission hopes the meeting will provide Francestown residents the opportunity to express their preferences and/or to suggest alternative ideas. The plans will be made available for review and download from the Commission website.

Maureen stated the Commission's 2013 budget had been submitted to the Selectmen. She also noted that a locking file cabinet for Heritage Commission documents has been purchased and

installed.

Discussion of the LCHIP Stewardship Agreement and LCHIP guidelines was postponed.

The next regular meeting will be December 8, 2012 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Miles