

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of November 14, 2015 Meeting

Present: Barbara Caskie, BJ Carbee, Brad Howell, Diane Curran, Michele Ferencsik,
Elly Miles, Lisa Stewart
Others: Betty Behrsing, Scott Carbee, Polly Freese, Warren Kiblin, Mary Lindstrom

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Motion by Brad to approve October 10, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Diane.
All in favor.

Motion by Brad to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Diane. All in favor.

After discussion clarifying Town Hall project preconstruction costs and agreed upon methods of payment, Elly moved that the Town's application for payment of \$7,233.87 from the Heritage Fund be approved. Seconded by Lisa. All in favor.

With respect to fundraising, Elly reported that the Halloween Costume Party fundraiser had a great turnout and brought in \$1330.00 which exceeded the goal of \$1,000.00. An article on the event should appear in the 11/17 Ledger Transcript. The raffle for Ruth Behrsing's quilt brought in \$820. Current funding for the Town Hall Project is at \$663,000 or 72% of the \$915,000 budgeted goal. There are pending grant applications totaling \$70,000 and the Commission is looking for corporate sponsors as well. DEW/MacMillin is expected to submit their GMP (guaranteed maximum price) to the Board of Selectmen and the Commission at the 12/7 BOS meeting. As agreed at the October meeting, a letter from the Commission and the Board of Selectmen detailing progress on the project and highlighting funding requirements was sent to all Francestown residents.

The Commission expresses great appreciation to the following volunteers for their recent efforts on behalf of the Town Hall Project: **Carol & Stewart Brock** for planning and hosting the Halloween Costume Party fundraiser; **Deb & Dave Adams** and **Warren Kiblin** for removing the Town Hall stage curtains and hardware and to the Adams for storing them; **Ruth Behrsing** for donating one of her beautiful quilts as a raffle prize. The Commission also sincerely thanks **Pat Thalhauser** and **Roon Frost**, organizers of the Old Meeting House Quilt Weekend, for including the quilt raffle benefitting the Town Hall as part of their fundraiser.

It was suggested that December publicity submissions go to the *Union Leader*, *Concord Monitor* and *Ledger Transcript* as well as the *Francestown News*.

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission will be December 12, 2015 at 9 AM.
The meeting adjourned at 10: 00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Elly Miles