

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes of June 13, 2015 Meeting

Present: Barbara Caskie, Michele Ferencsik, Brad Howell, Elly Miles, Lisa Stewart
Excused: BJ Carbee, Diane Curran
Others: Betty Behrsing, Ruth Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, Scott Carbee, Cecily Houston,
Warren Kiblin

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

Motion by Michele, seconded by Brad, to approve minutes of the April 11, 2015 Heritage Commission meeting as written. All in favor.

Brad moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by Michele. All in favor. Lisa said 3 more windows have been sold and she will send an updated record to Commission members.

The Town Hall Friends have set up a fund raising page with Go Fund Me. There is a problem with the email and Elly will work with the Town Office to correct this.

Lisa Bourbeau and Cecily Houston expressed concerns in two areas. They requested clarification of BOS support for the project. They felt this was especially important for people living far away who were getting the impression that nothing was happening. Brad replied that Town support was evident in the hiring of an Owner's Representative and moving forward with RFPs for a Construction Manager as well as numerous consultations with electrical and fire suppressant experts. The other question concerned communication with local experts who might want to volunteer their services. It was agreed to bring this question to the architect and owner's rep.

The budget discussion included questions to be brought to the 6/15/15 meeting with the selectmen. Elly explained the budget process is evolving. The first budget was based on a very rough schematic for the Town Hall project; the current budget is based on the revised approved schematic and will be further refined as the process moves through decisions to construction.

Ruth Behrsing has made a Town Hall quilt which will be raffled as part of the OMH quilting weekend. OMH has generously agreed the proceeds will go to the Heritage Fund.

Discussion of the By-Laws was postponed to the next meeting.

Charlie Pyle of FIHS requested a letter of support from the Commission for the Beehive renovation. All were in favor of sending the letter which Elly will do.

Warren Kiblin turned over correspondence from James Garvin regarding Hay Scale documentation which was accepted for the Heritage Commission files.

FIHS has offered to donate their supply of Francestown Academy ornaments to the Heritage Commission. The Commission members agreed to accept the donation with thanks and appreciation.

An outline of proposed content for the Commission website currently under consideration was distributed. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

On May 23, 2015 Michele and Elly completed an inventory of the Town Hall contents (books in the pantry closet still to be done) and a listing was distributed. Storage of items was discussed including possible sites.

A copy of correspondence between Mike Branley and Town Auditor, Tim Greene, regarding a proposed Town Hall Project payment method was received. This method would entail running all project expenses through the general fund initially and then have reimbursements from other sources (grant, bond, Heritage Fund) come in to offset. All Commission members were in favor of this process as being the clearest and most straightforward.

Discussion for publicity for the Francestown News was that it include a progress summary on the Town Hall Project to date.

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission will be July 11, 2015 at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Elly Miles