

# Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

Page 1 of 2

## Minutes of the Commission meeting held in the Davidson Room at the Church 01/14/2016

(Approved 04/14/16)

**ATTENDED BY: Members** - Alan Fall, Bob Smart, Peg Scully, Scott Cunningham and Gale Morris.

**Alternate** ó, Raymond Dahlstrom and Lee Fritz **Select Board Rep.** ó Ernie Day, Jr.

**MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND FREEDOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** John Shipman

**ABSENT: Members** ó, Bonnie Burroughs.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:00 pm. and conducted by the Chairman, Alan Fall.

**QUORUM:** Requirement of 4 members present was met.

**OBSERVANCE:** At request of the Chairperson, a moment of silence was observed to recognize the passing of long time member/alternate Carol Foord. Carol was one of the original Commission members and an active participant in activities of this Commission.

**MINUTES OF THE 11/12/15 Meeting** as recorded on draft dated 12/14/15 were accepted as presented.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Village Store:** Peg Scully has been assured by her contact at The State Register of Historical Places that the Village Store application will be on the agenda for their 01/25/16 meeting. We expect a favorable response. We have a quotation for a bronze plaque at \$562.50, same as purchase for the Town Hall on 04/08/14.

**Projector use policy:** The policy draft dated 01/14/16 was distributed and approved. Bob was asked to request this policy be added to the Commission listing on the Town Web Site.

**Annual Report for 2015:** The report dated 12/14/15 previously distributed and approved by Commission members has been delivered to the Town and will appear in the Town Annual Report for 2015.

**Meeting schedule for 2016:** The previously distributed schedule with a date of 12/09/15 lists five meetings for the year on approximately the same dates as 2014 and 2015. Approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall Interior Modifications:** John Shipman, representing the Historical Society, explained that this organization is investigating ways in which the history of the Town of Freedom, NH can be better presented to the public. One thought is to display items of interest on the interior walls of Town Hall where there is a constant stream of people attending functions all year long. The Historical Society is asking for input from the Heritage Commission on suggested changes to the interior walls that may help provide good space for such displays. There is time for a well researched and thought out plan.

A general consensus response from Commission members is that they support such a project providing individual building modifications protect the original design and character of the building. Restore to as close to original condition as is possible. Details discussed were:

- a. Paneling of 2<sup>nd</sup>. floor walls ó Remove paneling from a test area and determine how and cost of removing all paneling plus restoration of original wall covering.
- b. Remove obsolete voting booth structures from 1<sup>st</sup>. floor. Need information on history of these structures. There was resistance to removing 2 x 4 railings from wood columns. Secure in place if necessary.
- c. Foyer and stairways offer a good location for displays.

**Continue Minutes of the Commission meeting held in the Davidson Room at the Church  
01/14/2016** (Approved 04/14/16)

**Roller Barn:** Present structure (probably built prior to 1902 is in need of attention to the roof and siding and the siren mounting on the roof needs to be replaced. Because it is one of the last remaining structures built for snow roller road maintenance in NH there is reason to keep it in good repair. Motion made and voted in favor to recommend to the Selectmen that the Roller Shed should be maintained and preserved. Peg was asked to find out if the Moose License Plate Program funding could be requested for this building. Ernie to talk with Mark McKinley about cost estimates for the repairs.

**Membership in NH Preservation Alliance:** Voted all in favor to continue membership with funds from town provided budget.

**Commission Membership for 2016:** Bob to send letter of recommendation to the Select Board for appointing Gale Morris to another three-year term. Gale to file her request form.

**Walk for OHW:** Will partner with Historical Society. Alan will report on a plan at the April meeting. Max. length no more than 1.5 hours.

**NEXT MEETING:** 04/14/16, 6.00 pm in the Church Davidson Room.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM.** (1.75 Hrs.)

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer