

Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

Minutes of the Commission meeting held at The Library on 06/09/2011 (approved 09/08/11)

ATTENDED BY: Members - Alan Fall, Carol Foord, Bob Smart, Gale Morris, Peg Scully, and Bonnie Burroughs. Alternate - Alice Spear. **ABSENT:** Alternate ó. Raymond Dahlstrom, Deborah Fauver, Lee Fritz, and Gail Bizer. Select Board Rep.- Scott Cunningham

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON at 6:00 pm.

QUORUM: Requirement of 4 members present was met.

ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES: No action required

MINUTES OF THE 04/14/2011 Meeting as recorded on draft dated 04/24/11 and corrected for address of Gale Morris's home address were accepted.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Reviewed draft of Society's 2012 calendar and suggested a few changes of content and format. This is a great document that records and illustrates the history of Freedom schools and residents.

SCHOOLS DISTRICTS: Reviewed Carol Foord's map of school districts that existed prior to construction of the Elementary school on Old Portland Rd. This map was used in Carol's presentation to the Community Club last night. During the discussion Alan identified 15 schools that were in Freedom or used by Freedom students (inclusive of the current FES) that operated at various times in the history of our town..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Inventory Sub-Committee:

- **Inventory Reports:** Gale Morris provided copies of the report she has written with the help of Alan Fall for her home at 51 Elm St. Bob to have copies made and placed in binders at the Library, Village Store, Town Offices and Commission master file. Alan will add to his digital records.
- **Report Binders:** Bob to assemble a binder for the Historical Society.
- **Place Freedom Town Office Buildings on State Registry of Historical Places:** The application was approved and we received a letter with information on the various standard signs that can be purchased to identify the approval status. Commission members voted to hold off on selecting a sign and date of a celebration until an application to designate School House Hill (including Town Offices) as a "Neighborhood Historical District" has been acted on. Target date for a celebration is the Ice Cream social during the 2012 OHW.

Grant Sub - Committee: No activity to report.

Community Club Presentation: Bob to set up work session with Alan on content of their presentation 11/09/11 on the history of "Freedom's Bell".

Cell Tower: We received copy of a June 1, 2011 letter from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources addressed to Infinigy Engineering regarding vegetative screening at the roadway. We agreed this subject is not appropriate for Heritage Commission action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lakes Region Planning Commission: The Heritage Commission received an invitation to attend the LRPC Annual meeting on June 27, 2011. Our members are not available on the scheduled date.

Intern Program: We discussed the possibility of a High School student working under the direction of this Commission to research property information and help with recording information.

Notification of Public Building Renovations; Alan is concerned that the Heritage Commission be advised by town government agencies of all plans to renovate or demolish buildings so that the Commission can provide input and maintain accurate records of these buildings. The Commission was not notified of the schedule to tear down/rebuild of the old Mill Pond Fire Station (Water Precinct) building. Concern is that we have lost the opportunity to do an accurate "Inventory Report" of this building. There are some reports that it is the site of a former blacksmith shop. It was reported that Karen Hatch took a set of photographs before demolition.

Bob then reported that the contract has been let for renovation of outside entrances at Town Hall and plans have been approved to renovate the garage behind the Mill Pond Fire Station. Bob Agreed to photograph these two projects. Alan will talk with Town officials regarding a notification process for future projects such as the present Fire Station on Village Road.

Meeting on Preservation Alliance Workshop: Gale Morris and Lee Fritz plan to attend the June 28th Program from 1-4 in Chichester. The topic will address efficient, correct ways to prepare various types of applications to the State for inclusion in the NH Historic Register.

PUBLIC INPUT: None received.

NEXT MEETINGS: 09/08/2011; 6:00 pm in the Library

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM. (1.5 Hrs.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer