

# Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

## Minutes of the Commission meeting held at Town Hall on 06/09/2009 (Approved 07/14/09)

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON** at 7:05 pm.

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

**ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES:** Not required as all members were present.

**ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES:** Standard format for future meeting agendas was adopted. Copy attached to these minutes.

**Minutes of the 05/12/09 meeting**, printed as draft #2 were approved and placed on file after spelling of the name òMorseö in item #5 was corrected.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Inventory Sub-Committee:**

- **Town Office:** Extensive research of old records has been done to determine what was done on the Town Office since its construction and when. Sub-Committee will contact Jim Brown to find out if he knows when aluminum siding was installed and date when septic system was installed. This information has been requested by Jean & Ian Marshall who are working with the Article 26 committee.

#### **- Town Hall**

##### **Exterior Paint:**

Neal contacted both Freedom Hardware in Freedom and Indian Mound Hardware in Ossipee regarding problem with peeling paint. So far no response from Freedom Hardware.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> Neal, Peg & Gale M. met with Bill Bocher from Indian Mound and David LeClerc, Paint Products representative from Benjamin Moore to examine the exterior of Town Hall.

Peg has provided a summary of this visit in her email dated May 30, 2009. In summary, the wood siding is in good condition. There is some problem with moisture coming from the roof area. Snow piling against the building can cause paint failure. For cost control purposes the new painting can be done one or more sides per year. Most important that the surfaces be clean, dry, dull and sound. Pressure washing is not recommended because of potential lead paint contamination. Recommended paint is òAuraö a new BM product that is a self-priming paint or an oil base primer and low luster latex finish coat.

It was agreed we now have enough information to present a formal report to the Select Board on how to correct the paint problem (reference articles 11-vinyl and 12-paint defeated at the March 2009 Town Meeting).

##### **General:**

There are several other items that should be investigated regarding structure and use of Town Hall. A new Sub-Committee "**Town Hall Maintenance Sub-Committee**" was established for this purpose. Members to be Neal Boyle, Peg Scully & Gale Morris. Other individuals from the community may be asked to participate. This committee will work with the Article 26 citizen committee that formed earlier this year for the purpose of studying that warrant article tabled at the 2009 town meeting.

2. **Web Site:** Bob Smart will work with the Town Administrator to establish a Heritage Commission listing and include list of members, approved minutes of meetings and agenda for the next meeting.
3. **Operating Procedures for the commission:** Several items were added to the 06/09/09 document. Revised document to be reviewed at the July meeting.

4. **Grant Sub-Committee:** Gale Morris provided a packet of reference material to be reviewed by committee members. Need to establish a reference set of this information for use by all Commission members. If we file for an Express Grant the documents need to be submitted by 09/01/09. Sarah Millette, a knowledgeable grant writer from Ossipee, has agreed to look over what we prepare and advise us.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Village Water Precinct has asked for help determining if grants are available for repair/expansion of the present system. We will offer suggestions.
2. Reviewed list of monthly events and seminars offered by the Association of Historical Societies of NH. These include Cemetery Walks on July 20 at Chester Historical Society and Documenting Your Society's Archives and Collections on Sept. 23. There are registration fees. Membership to AHSNH is \$10 a year. See [www.historicalsocietiesnh.org](http://www.historicalsocietiesnh.org).
3. E-mail agenda items to Carol Foord by July 10<sup>th</sup>: [stoneworkscarol@yahoo.com](mailto:stoneworkscarol@yahoo.com).

**NEXT MEETING:** 07/14/2009; 7:00 pm in Town Hall

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.** (1.7 Hrs.)

**ATTACHMENTS:** Sub Committee Members  
Commission Procedures

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