

## Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

### Minutes of the Commission meeting held at The Library on 09/09/2010 (Approved 11/11/10)

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

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

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

**ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES:** Not required

**MINUTES OF THE 06/10/2010 Meeting** as recorded on draft dated 06/27/10 were accepted as presented.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **Inventory Sub-Committee:**

- No new reports ready for distribution
- New list of reports to be worked on with notes from the June meeting was distributed. Bob will add new locations identified at this meeting.
- Bonnie continuing to research present post office.
- Research on others locations is continuing.
- Watson Hill owners research group met with Bob Smart and Alan Fall for review of procedures and available information. We are pleased to have the assistance of this group. Alan will share additional information with them.

**Grant Sub - Committee:** Assisting the Historical Society with preparation of a \$5,000 grant application from the NH Charitable Foundation.

**Item for Crossroads Publication:** Information has been mailed to the publication office.

**Welcome To Freedom Publication:** The Commission approved the article prepared by Bob

**Place Freedom Buildings on Registry of Historical Places:** A committee consisting of Gale Morris, Peg Scully, Lee Fritz, and Alan Fall is researching and preparing documents relating to the present Town Office building. Lee Fritz reported she has a response from the State that placement of a building on the Registry does not restrict any future use, work or changes to that property. It does not prevent the future destruction of the property. Alan outlined his proposal to expand this application to include all of "School House Hill" because the origin and history of the first school building, the present school building, the Masonic Hall, and the Band Stand are so closely related. The group rejected this proposal for now because they are close to completing work on the office building and believe we should have the experience of an actual application process as soon as possible. A motion was made and passed to, "Proceed with application for the Town Office Building and consider a neighborhood type designation at a later date. Then present to the Select Board for their consideration." Point being that the Commission does not have the authority to take action on this matter for the Town of Freedom.

**Community Club Presentation:** At the request of the Community Club date of the presentation has been moved to Nov. 10, 2010. Alan will do the presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Moulton Rd. Cell Tower:** Alan outlined the material he received from the Town Office regarding a study being done by infingy Engineering & Surveying for Florida Tower Powers, LLC regarding the possible construction of a cell phone tower at 53 Moulton Road. In an August 20, 2010 letter from infingy addressed to Alan Fall the Heritage Commission is being asked, if you would be interested in commenting on this proposed project. . . . We are only seeking comments related to the proposed project's potential effects on historical properties. After discussing this letter the Commission concluded that they had no knowledge of historical elements in the proposed area but will ask that infingy mark the area of concern. The area will then be visited and a final response prepared. A draft letter of response to infingy will be written by the Secretary and sent to the Select Board for consideration.

**North Broad Bay Information:** Gale Morris outlined the conversation she and Alan had with Jane Nylander of North Broad Bay Road. Jane's family are long time summer residents. She has a large collection of photographs that illustrate life on the lake and Old Home Week of the early 1900's. Alan will sort through these photos and scan those that will be of interest to the Heritage Commission.

**"Works" Family Records:** Dick Many provided a box of old papers and documents that was just given to the Historical Society by the David Works family. There are printed annual reports from the mid 1890s which are legible. Some documents appear to be original Town Clerk records and original store ledgers kept by John Swett, tanner. There is also a large volume of court transcripts (some original documents) relating to purchase of the bell for the 1827 church and the litigation when Mr. Towle had the bell moved to the new Christian church on Elm St.. The box and content will be placed in a safe storage container at the Town Hall.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None received.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** 11/11/2010; 6:00 pm in the Library

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.** (1.7 Hrs.)

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