

Minutes of the Commission meeting held in the Davidson Room at the Church 04/20/2017

(Drafted 05/13/2017)

ATTENDED BY: Members - Alan Fall, Gale Morris, Bob Smart, Scott Cunningham, and Bonnie Burroughs **Alternates** ó Raymond Dahlstrom, Lee Fritz and Maureen Elliott **Select Board Rep** Ernie Day, Jr. **Member of the Pubic** ó Carol Stokes DeMore

ó**Absent: Member** - Peg Scully **Alternates** - Phil Griffin,

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

QUORUM: Requirement of 4 members present was met.

Alternate Dahlstrom was appointed to fill and vote for absent member during this meeting.

MINUTES OF THE 01/12/17 Meeting as recorded on draft dated 01/13/17 were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved and approved by all to elect the 2016 officers to the same positions for 2017: **CHAIR PERSON** ó Alan Fall, **VICE CHAIR** ó Gale Morris, **SECRETARY/TREASURER** ó Bob Smart

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Roller Shed: Alan presented a slide show of the work that has been done plus areas to be worked on. The cupola is being restored in a heated workshop and should be ready for installation next week. Work has started on exterior landscaping that will allow work on exterior of the building. Peg will prepare a status report for the grant providers. A portion of the payment to the contractor will be held until project is completed.

Signs for School House Locations: Alan has contacted all five of the first group of property owners and gained approval to erect a sign at each location. He will have signs ordered and funded by the 2016 Community Club Donation.

Snow Roller Replacement: Several contacts have been made but no new information to report

Why Did You Move to Freedom: Scott Cunningham agreed to organize and present information on his family's participation in the Freedom community. He will also contact people he recently met to ask if they would share their stories at a future Community Club Dinner. Need 3 ó 4 families in addition to Scott. Mike Gaudette will be asked to select a date when this information can be presented at a Community Club Dinner Meeting.

History of Present School Building on Loon Lake Road: Gale and Alan met several times with the administration and some students to introduce this project. There is much interest. Alan will meet with students next week to explain and promote the project. Interest is high and good results are expected. The hope is for Heritage Commission members to participate in a 2 pm meet with all school children for a presentation on 06/08/17.

Rivard House: First elementary school house in Freedom constructed around 1802 and located on School House Hill has been a private residence since the late 1890s. It has been sold by the Town for back taxes.

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Use of School House Hill Buildings: New news since the January meeting is that Alan has talked with the consulting architect who worked on this project several years ago. Alan was told the State has relaxed many of the code requirements relating to renovation of old buildings. It may now be possible to renovate Town Offices for less money than previously estimated. A new, professional, estimate of cost to renovation Town Offices under the relaxed code requirements is approximately \$2,000.

Scott Cunningham was asked to investigate these changes and report to the Commission.

OHW Participation:

- Sun, 08/06/17 4pm Less Told Stories òRoads in Freedomö
- Wed, 08/09/17 9:30 am òKnowing Freedomö Watson Hill ó Sponsored by Heritage Commission and Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Store Grant: No report available.

Fun To Know Church History: On Friday, 06/09/17- 7pm, in the Church. There will be a discussion on history of the pews and the outside Handicap Ramp

Master Plan Chapter: Peg Scully is working on content. Ann Cunningham will be invited to the June Commission meeting to talk about the Master Plan.

Public Buildings: Lee Fritz reported that a Thesis concerning school buildings from the U of PA is available on line. She will send information to Alan Lee also recommended reading an article from the U of PA regarding òPublic Buildings Keep Town Centers Aliveö.

Old Barns: The NH Preservation Alliance is sponsoring a 04/21/17 seminar on preserving old barns. In 2016 52 barns were saved.

PUBLIC INPUT: Carol Stokes DeMore was present as Freedom News reporter and issued a well-done summary of this meeting on the Jennifer Molin Email News.

NEXT MEETING: 06/08/17, 6:00 pm in the Church Davidson Room. Alan will talk with school administration about best timing and location for this meeting that may include the children.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM. (2 Hrs.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer