

Freedom, New Hampshire Heritage Commission Minutes 4/12/2018 Meeting

Present: Members Bonnie Burroughs, Ray Dahlstrom, Gale Morris, Peg Scully, Bob Smart
Alternates Maureen Elliott, Lee Fritz, Janice Zecher
BOS Liaison Alan Fall

Absent: Member Scott Cunningham, Alternate Phil Griffin

A quorum was established and meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for 2018-19. Peg Scully (President), Bonnie Burroughs (Vice President), Gale Morris (Secretary/Treasurer) were voted in as the Executive Board. Alan Fall was thanked for his service as President for the past nine years, and welcomed as our new BOS Liaison. Gale will write a thank you card to Ernie Day, Jr. who had served as Liaison for the past several years. Peg thanked Ray for service as Alternate and welcomed him as full Member. She also welcomed Janice as a new Alternate. Bob Smart was thanked for all the work he has done as Secretary/Treasurer since the formation of the Heritage Commission in 2009.

Minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting were accepted.

Projects/Inventories. Peg continues work on application form/ inventory on First Christian Church of Freedom for the NH State Register of Historic Places. She is updating text narratives and photos that were included in the old application form worked on in the late 1980s. Alan will give her copy of a photo he has of the old horse barn once behind the church. He also referenced the 1913 Water Precinct Map (copy in Town Hall) that shows the old location of the church stable.

Peg opened discussion on progress/procedures for continuing research and completion of Inventories. Peg brought in one of the ~~House~~ Project+Inventory books located at FHS and also the HC Inventory book that HC began in 2009, to compare what the two organizations have done and are continuing to do. FHS is using the same form HC adopted, and she proposed we continue to use it, adding to and augmenting information we have on buildings already inventoried. In addition, there is a second form, a worksheet to list ownership information on Freedom houses such as address, gps coordinates, and owners present and past. These would be used for buildings not yet inventoried. Town office files can be used to find this information, and training will be available. We hope also to find out how to access the Carroll County Registry of Deeds online.

Peg will prepare the forms to use and the lists of some houses in Freedom that need new documentation to distribute to members who want to participate in this project. In the meantime, it is hoped members will acquaint themselves with material in the books at FHS.

It is hoped that Alan will give a general session for us on resources and methods of research. Besides the Registry of Deeds for Carroll and Strafford Counties there are military

records, genealogies, tax records, Probate Court, local history books, and many more places to mine information. Peg mentioned Steve Thurston is working on research for FHS and might be willing to help researchers go through tax records up at Town Offices. Janice will ask Karen Hatch when it might be a good time for people to use the Back Room to look at records with, hopefully, Steve's and Janice's guidance.

Bob will concentrate his efforts on doing documentation of the 32 houses on North Broad Bay Road and the land around the Bay. His Inventory of North Broad Bay will be a package deal rather than individual inventory, and will gather info on the history of the land from barren land up through development. Alan offered his help to Bob. Gale has been working on redoing Inventory of Pet Plunges house and Alan said he has done intensive work on it already. He will share this work with Gale and they will get it into the Inventory Book for HC asap.

School House Plaques. Maureen asked the status of getting markers up and Alan reported that Scott Brooks has not placed the order yet but Alan will work with Scott to complete the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Preservation Alliance Award. Peg has applied for the Roller Shed to be recognized. Winner will be announced in April. Peg and Bonnie felt we should continue to see if we can get an old roller.

Meeting Dates for 2018-19. June 7, September 13, November 8, January 10 (2019) were agreed.

2018 Old Home Week Programs. First Sunday at Town Hall Alan and Janice plan to present a powerpoint program on Freedom cemeteries. Wednesday Walk that traditionally is sponsored by HC and FHS will be at Lakeview Cemetery. Alan will speak about certain families and grave sites and John Shipman will address Lakeview history as well. Bob asked if plot plans are available to reference that day and Alan said he'd see if he can come up with printouts for the walk. There is one in Dotty Brooks cemetery book.

PUBLIC INPUT

There being no public input, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. (1 hour)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 7th, 6 p.m., Davidson Room of the Church.