

Present: Members: Bonnie Burroughs, Ray Dahlstrom, Scott Cunningham, Gale Morris, Peg Scully, Bob Smart

Alternates: Maureen Elliott, Lee Fritz

BOS Liaison: Alan Fall

Absent: Alternates Phil Griffin, Janice Zecher

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

The Minutes of the 4/12/2018 meeting were corrected from a listing of tonight's meeting as 6/07/2018 to the proper date of 6/14/2018. The Minutes were accepted.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### **Preservation Award for Roller Shed.**

Peg reported she has materials sent by the Preservation Alliance on the Award Ceremony of May 8, 2018 for Freedom's preservation/work on the Roller Shed. The email she received and shared contains photos, the Alliance blog site on our award, etc. She would like to see the State redo the presentation during Old Home Week and it was suggested the evening of the Ice Cream Social might work. Bob Smart asked if it would be good to have copies of the old snow roller photo available. Bob will talk to Judy Smith, and Peg will contact the State to see if someone could attend OHW for such a presentation. She will ask Nancy Griffin to put it in as a possible supplement to the calendar for the week. Peg suggested good pr coverage in the Sun, Independent, etc., would be helpful. Gale and Bonnie will work on a press release that includes photos for distribution in timely manner. It was thought we could ask the papers to send reporters to the event, if indeed the State agrees to be present.

##### **First Christian Church Application to State for inclusion on Register of Historic Places.**

Peg had an email from the State reporting that the Church was deemed eligible for consideration when the committee meets on 7/20/2018 to make the decision. Dean Robertson, President of the Church Council, must sign and return a letter sent by the State. Peg will give it to him asap.

##### **School Signs.**

Alan has talked to Scott Brooks and, although there is no report as of now, Alan is hopeful that the signs will be up before snowfall.

##### **Research Projects.**

Peg spoke to concerns that we know how many Inventory Books we have and their locations. Bob reported that there is the Master File Book, which he gave to Peg to look through. There are copies as well at the library, town offices (in the Town Clerk's Office), the Village Store, the Historical Society. HC maintains the Master File and updates the others. Peg felt it important for the future that people know where these hard copies are. Bob gave out very good handouts that catalogued the history of when and why the Commission undertook these inventories, and the evolution of the forms we decided to use based on the work done by Don Chase in the

1960s and 1970s. Bob's handout contained a copy of the Federal House form at 37 Elm Street which has become standard format. Locations are identified by their Chase File numbers, the 911 number if one available, and the coordinates of latitude and longitude. Bob plans a new cover note each year. It was agreed that having information in digital form as well should be a goal.

Peg will maintain a list of properties on Elm Street that need doing and HC members and alternates can contact her to choose buildings/sites on which to work. The fact that we have two known Sears houses in Freedom, the Troom and the Manley properties on Elm Street, was talked of with interest. Alan has a disc that describes the various Sears kits for houses and it was thought research could be done on the two in town with a possible program presented at some point to the public about them.

Peg asked if members thought we should hire someone to work on making inventories into digital records. Scott will check with the Historical Society about what is on their cloud. Alan has given out thumb drives to several members of HC and also to FHS in past with his research/inventories and that information should be on the FHS cloud. Alan reminded that part of our budget is already bespoke for the school signs project so not sure what we would have available in funds to hire someone to work on digitizing records. We will discuss further when Scott has found out what access we might have to FHS cloud, what is already on there, etc.

Peg will talk to Janice about sessions on Carroll County Registry of Deeds access for research. Alan will have time possibly after the first of the year to combine workshop with Janice on using the computer rather than having to go down to the Registry and work with the old books that go back to 1840. This would be basic instruction to get people started on inventories they choose from Peg's list. And Alan reminded that Meghan Rupnik from the State had encouraged use of simple one page sheets to encourage people to be involved, to get the basic information down that could be added to and researched further at some point. Bob Smart suggested that the whole question of when and how electricity and telephone system came to Freedom might make a good research project and eventual program to present to the public.

**Old Home Week Update:** Alan will present a powerpoint program on the first Sunday afternoon, in Town Hall as usual, on the topic of cemeteries. The Wednesday Walk program offered with the Historical Society will be held at Lakeview Cemetery on Old Portland Road.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new topic introduced.

Adjourned: 6:56 pm. (56 minutes)

Respectfully submitted, Gale Morris, Secretary