

Freedom Heritage Commission Minutes Thursday, September 13, 2018 (Draft 9/14/18)
At the First Christian Church of Freedom, Davidson Room

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

Absent: Member Bonnie Burroughs, Alternate Phil Griffin
Member of the public present: Bill Elliott

A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order by Peg Scully at 6:02 pm.

The minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

A special vote was taken to address the purpose of spending an amount from our 2018 Commission budget not to exceed \$400 for the purpose of creating and framing a poster to commemorate the Roller Shed preservation project and consequent state award from the NH Preservation Alliance. There will be two posters, one framed to be presented to the town and hung in Town Hall and one to be appropriately weather protected and placed at the Roller Shed itself. A motion in regard to this matter was made, seconded and accepted. Peg said \$131 would be spent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Roller Shed updates: it was agreed that the project went well and looks good. Clean up to the interior needs to be done by the town at some point. The Commission discussed the contents of the interior and Alan will report back when the town has been able to clear up the various things still inside.

Snow Roller: Member of the public Bill Elliott reported on conversation he had with a member of the family at Smiling Hill Farm regarding an old snow roller they have on their property. It was refurbished by a member of the family in the 1980s. Bill said his discussion ranged from purchase, loan of the roller, to donation (if we were a 501C3, and we are). Further talks would be useful and Bill will contact Mr. Knight to suggest a meeting to view the roller either next Tuesday (9/18) or Thursday (9/20) when Scott and Alan would be free to go over, see the roller, take photos, and discuss further with the owner. They will report back to Peg.

Research Processes and Organization: Peg expressed concern that the book that holds all the documents of the State Register from Freedom be kept in a binder and permanently placed in the Freedom Public Library. A motion was made and voted on to do this. It was agreed that there can be a companion book with copies of these documents kept by HC as well as a set for the Historical Society's Resource Room. Peg had made a copy of article on the Church acceptance into the Register that appeared in a piece on local landmarks in the Independent. Preservation Alliance has put out good pr about the Roller Shed preservation and the Church admission to the Register. It was suggested that a plaque be mounted on the

church but that is something that must come as part of church business and Peg will bring the subject up at the next Council meeting on 9/19/2018. The cost for plaques in the past has run about \$500 and most have been funded by private citizens or town groups.

Inventory books and State documents were further discussed with thought that having them online as well as in hard copy forms would be a good thing. Janice and Alan will look into how best to do this. It may be possible to have storage on the town site with a link used to take researchers into the larger texts of documents. They will report back on findings when they are able to work on this. There may be a way as well to be part of the Historical Society cloud configuration for storage. Peg will continue her talks with FHS.

Peg had mailed out to members and alternates a simpler form for doing inventories on buildings and sites. She plans to work on such projects at the library on Wednesday mornings, 10:30-noon beginning 9/19/2018 for those who are interested in helping expand the HC collection of inventories.

Janice provided handouts on how to get into the Carroll County Registry of Deeds online. Both she and Alan spoke on how much this can simplify research. People can use Town Office public computer and the library computers as well for free.

In addition, come winter, Alan will hope to offer guidance on research methods using indexes as a start. He will hit basics to build understanding and help familiarize beginners with ways and means.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peg mentioned that the Village Store building will be for sale. 11 Elm Street is on the State Register, is identified as one of only a few extant examples of Mansard roof architecture, and the town of Freedom is fortunate to have it in the village. The late Jennifer Molin established the 11 Elm Street Preservation Alliance as a charitable trust that would be able to receive grants, LChip and other funds. Both Peg and Lee hoped HC members recognize the importance of the building and support keeping it vital and part of Freedom life.

Gale asked that members and alternates inform her of the number of volunteer hours they have put in this year for HC. This includes research work, conferences, travel time, projects, attendance at lectures/programs by Preservation Alliance, etc. Gale will factor in time we all spend at HC meetings throughout the year as well. She would like this info by the November meeting so she can have the Annual Report written in good time for the Town Administrator and staff to include it in the Town Annual Report.

Also, the terms of Gale Morris, Maureen Elliott and Phil Griffin and Peg Scully are up at the end of this year so HC people should be thinking of continuing or of people who might like to be a part of this group.

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 8, 2018, 6pm, FCCOF, Davidson Room

Respectfully submitted, Gale Morris, Secretary

