

Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

Minutes of the Commission meeting held at The Library on 04/14/2011 (approved 06/09/11)

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

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

QUORUM: Requirement of 4 members present was met.

ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES: No action required

MINUTES OF THE 01/13/2011 Meeting as recorded on draft dated 01/21/11 were accepted as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Inventory Sub-Committee:

- **Inventory Reports:** No new reports ready for distribution.
- **Post Office:** Bonnie is making good progress with researching history of the present post office building.
- **3 Elm St.:** Alice Spear has interviewed Sarah Tabor regarding history of the "Towle House (Store)" at 3 Elm St. She provided a completed report of her investigations for 1945 ó 2010. This information will be added to the inventory report she previously prepared. Allan will add to the electronic file.
- **51 Elm St.:** Gale Morris is continuing to research the history of her home at 51 Elm St. She has records back to 1818. Bob to provide copy of the Clausen grant to the church.
- **Place Freedom Buildings on Registry of Historical Places:** Peg completed application for listing of Town Office building on the State list of Historical Buildings. Application to be reviewed at an April 22, 2011 meeting. If the application is accepted this Commission will schedule and present a public recognition of this first building designation in Freedom. Need four copies of this application for addition to previously issued inventory report.
- **School House Hill:** It was agreed that the next application should be for placement of the "School House Hill Meeting Property" on the state list of "Neighborhood Historical Districts".

Grant Sub - Committee: Considering the State budget problems it appears that private funds will be the best place to look for grant money.

Community Club Presentation: Next CC Presentation will be scheduled for 11/09/11. It will be "Freedom's Bell" and presented by Alan Fall and Bob Smart.

OHW Walking Tour: The 2011 tour will be Shaw Town. The 2012 tour will be Down Town Freedom.

Preservation Alliance Workshop: Gale Morris, Lee Fritz, and Peg Scully attended the daylong conference in Manchester on 04/08/11. They each attended different presentations to obtain as much information for the Commission as possible. Gale provided a quick summary to be followed by a more detailed report. This was a good first step to gaining information on what is being done in the area of Heritage organizations.

Town Funding for 2011: The Commission was granted \$500 for 2011 expenses. Expenses to date are \$132.

Cell Tower: Alan Fall did walk the flagged area and reported that he did not find objects or areas of historical significance. Bob will issue a formal reply to the tower consulting business with copies to interested individuals with this report. With this report the Commission has completed its requested activity on this subject.

NEW BUSINESS:

2011 Members and Officers: Peg Scully and Bob Smart were appointed by the Select Board to a new 3-year term and have been sworn in. Scot Cunningham will continue as Select Board Representative. By unanimous vote the 2010 officers will continue to serve these positions in 2011. A new 2011 schedule of meetings and list of members/officers will be prepared and distributed.

Keep the Public Informed: It was agreed that the Commission needs to do more with keeping the public up to date on our activities and desire to have non-commission members participate in research and writing. Bob will start this activity by sending information on our meetings to Jennifer Molen for inclusion in her weekly Email list of scheduled meetings.

PUBLIC INPUT: None received.

NEXT MEETINGS: 06/09/2011; 6:00 pm in the Library

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM. (1.5 Hrs.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer