

Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

Minutes of the Commission meeting held at The Library on 11/10/2011 (Approved 01/19/12)

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

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

QUORUM: Requirement of 4 members present was met.

ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES: Not required.

MINUTES OF THE 09/08/2011 Meeting as recorded on draft dated 09/12/11 and corrected for addition of wording under, "Meeting on Preservation Alliance" was approved.

NOTE: Following two items were inserted to allow presenters early consideration during the meeting:

Watson Hill Project: Laura Robinson & Lee Fritz outlined progress they have made on researching and recording history of the Watson Hill area. Alan confirmed that the bricks found near the old sap house are "Sun Struck", not "Kiln Fired" and may have come from the local "brick yard field". Laura and Lee will continue with their research. They were advised to record everything they learn but note what are confirmed facts and what is speculation. There are no wrong format choices. Lee reported Heritage Quest can be accessed from the Freedom Library web site. You will need your library card number.

Town Hall Energy Study: John Shipman presented and explained the recent study done by a consultant that resulted in various suggestions to reduce heating cost at Town Hall. Discussion focused on a series of improvement choices for the windows. After much discussion the Heritage Commission decided to go on record by drafting and approving, all in favor, the following motion: "Leave windows alone ó Low pay back opportunity ó Renovate old windows on an as needed basis."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Inventory Sub-Committee:

- **Community Club Presentation:** Alan and Bob made a presentation last evening on the Church Bells in Freedom. Research took far longer than anticipated and resulted in several revisions of the script as additional information was discovered. The presentation and hand out document were well received. This information will be used for an "Inventory Report" and for the historical neighborhood application.
- **Barn Project:** Bonnie is working on inventory reports of "Stand Alone" barns in Freedom. She is contacting property owners for permission to record and photograph these structures.
- **School House Hill Project:** Gale and Peg are gathering information and continuing to work on the drafting of an application to place these buildings and property on the State Registry of Neighborhood Historical Districts.

Grant Sub - Committee: No activity to report.

NEW BUSINESS: As listed above for the Town Hall and Watson Hill.

PUBLIC INPUT: John Shipman and Laura Robinson as noted above.

NEXT MEETINGS: 01/12/2012; 6:00 pm in the Library

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM. (2.25 Hrs.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer

Following information was not presented at the meeting but are included in a 11/14/11 Email from Lee on use of Heritage Quest and are being attached as a convenience to those interested in Lee's information:

• This is how it works. Go to the (Freedom) Library Web Site. On the left you will see a list of possibilities. Click on Reference Databases. Scroll down and click on Heritage Quest. It will ask for Bar Code. Put in your Library Card No with two 00 in front. For instance 00123. I am using Heritage Quest now before we lose it to check census data. I like it because you can browse which is good for a small population like Freedom. Sometimes the Census taker uses initials or handwriting is illegible so it is difficult to find your folks any other way. So now I know that James Hurn, age 55, was in Freedom in 1860 and he had a wife named, Vina, 47, and a daughter Vina 14.ö