

Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

Minutes of the Commission meeting held at The Library on 11/11/2010 (Approved 01/13/11)

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON at 6:04 pm.

QUORUM: Requirement of 4 members present was met.

ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES: Lee Fritz was assigned to replace Peg Scully for this meeting.

MINUTES OF THE 09/09/2010 Meeting as recorded on draft dated 09/25/10 were accepted after spelling of the name Towel on page 2 was corrected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Inventory Sub-Committee:

- No new reports ready for distribution
- Bonnie continuing to research history of the present post office building.
- Research on others locations is continuing.
- Gale Morris will help Alice Spear with research of records at the Historical Society.
- Scott suggested that Susan Slack may be able to help with investigation of documents in Effingham. Carol suggested that many of these records may be available on film at the State archives.

Grant Sub - Committee: The Historical Society \$5,000 grant application from the NH Charitable Foundation was denied without comment. A subsequent call to the Foundation indicated there was much competition for available grant money. The HS will consider submitting a new request in 2011.

Place Freedom Buildings on Registry of Historical Places: Committee of Lee Fritz, Gale Morris and Peg Scully temporarily suspended action on the School House/Meeting House Hill property until they complete investigating the request for a Re-Use Study by the Old School Future Use Committee.

Community Club Presentation: Alan Fall did an excellent job of preparing and presenting a program to the Community Club of Freedom on 11/10/10. He outlined and illustrated important events since 1808 with ownership and construction on òSchool House/Meeting House Hillö (Present location of the Masonic Lodge and Freedom Town Offices.) Many of the 80 individuals attending this dinner meeting are new Freedom residents and enjoyed learning about a piece of Town history. The Heritage Commission has been asked to return next year with another presentation.

Moulton Rd. Cell Tower: On September 23, 2010 the Heritage Commission responded to a letter from infingy Engineering and Surveying regarding items of historical significance on the property proposed for a new cell tower. The letter asked that area of concern be flagged so that an inspection and final comment can be made. So far, no response from infingy.

RE-USE STUDY: As requested by the òFreedom Old School Future Use Committeeö the Heritage Commission assigned Lee Fritz and Peg Scully to look at other towns in NH that have or are taking action on the future of older buildings. Information was gathered from 25 towns and provided in a well document report dated October 05, 2010. Unless a request for further assistance is received, we believe this assignment has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Preservation Alliance Workshop:** Gale Morris and Peg Scully are planning on attending this workshop on 12/06/10 in Groveton, NH.
- **Nomination of two Members:** Appointment terms for Bob Smart and Peg Scully expire in 2011. They will be asked to serve for a new three-year term. Bob has agreed.

Annual Report for 2010: Members to send Bob Smart a list of items to be included in the report. Bob will draft a report for review by members in December.

Time Reports for 2010: All members and Alternates to fill out time sheets (not including Commission Meetings) and submit to Bob at the January meeting.

Meeting Schedule for 2011: It was agreed to continue with quarterly, rather than monthly meetings at the Library on a schedule similar to 2010. This will allow more time for individuals to work on investigations and reports. Special meetings can be called when necessary. The 2011 dates are: Jan. 13, April 14, June 9, Sep 8, Nov 10 and Jan 13, 2012.

Printed Records of Oral Interviews: Need someone who will record the information Carol brought to the meeting. Carol will have material at her home.

Vital Records Since 1830: Carol provided documents from her files that will be recorded and stored at the Historical Society.

PUBLIC INPUT: None received.

NEXT MEETINGS: 01/13/2011; 6:00 pm in the Library

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM. (1.5 Hrs.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer