

Freedom Heritage Commission Meeting – January 10, 2019

Present – Peg Scully, Chair; Lee Fritz; Ray Dahlstrom; Scott Cunningham; Maureen Elliott; Alan Fall, Selectmen’s Rep

Absent- Janice Zecher, Gale Morris, Bob Smart, Bonnie Burroughs, Phil Griffin

Minutes were accepted as written.

Projects/Inventories – Roller Shed

Scott Cunningham reported that we have title to the Snow Roller, located at Smiling Hill Farm in Westbrook, Maine. Officially the Town is the owner, but technically the Roller belongs to the Freedom Historical Society, since they have 501C3 status, and the former owner wanted to be able to state an approximate value for tax purposes (\$4500) in giving this gift.

Work must be done to prepare the site. Shed must be cleared out and neatened, shelves can be disposed of and a place has been found for the old doors inside. Enough volunteers are available to move the Roller onto a trailer and bring it here.

Scott will coordinate a FHS and HC steering committee which will facilitate this project. Someone should meet with the former owner, Warren Knight, for a background story, pictures and video. Alan will contact Sut Marshall to get his file of Snow Roller material. A planning meeting of members of the committee (not sure of names) will be held at the Freedom Gallery, Saturday, January 12 at 10 a.m.

Church and Roller Shed Plaques - Bob Smart emailed that the two plaques had been sent but had incorrect mounting hole sizes and bolt hardware. He sent one (Church)plaque back but will keep the second (Roller Shed) plaque and find local help to re-drill the holes and find new bolts. The Company has apologized for the mistakes and we thank Bob for troubleshooting this annoying issue.

Inventories – Lee Fritz researched the “Town Hall Painting” subject written by Bob Smart at the November meeting as an interesting history of the decision to paint the Town Hall instead of vinyl siding it. Her work covers Town Meetings of 2001 and again in 2009 when the Heritage Commission was formed and its recommendation to paint influenced the “yes” vote. Peg will type and combine the two works in an Inventory Report.

Lee also mentioned that the Town Hall upstairs is due for painting and Alan reported that he talked with Mark McKinley about the possible removal of the paneling upstairs, then plastering and painting. They will come up with recommendations if not for a Town Warrant Article for 2019, then perhaps 2020.

Meeting Place and Time

We decided to remain at the Church Fellowship Room for our meetings and to keep the same 6:00 time.

New members:

Sue Hoople has agreed to become a member. Phil Griffin has declined to renew his term. Bob Smart we hope will be available for consultations. Members whose terms are up are Gale Morris, Peg Scully, and Maureen Elliott. Mark McKinley will be recruited as an alternate. Peg will contact members to find out their intentions about continuing and we all should try to recruit new members or alternates.

Meeting adjourned – 6:55

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Scully (in Gale’s absence)