

Minutes of the Freedom Heritage Commission June 13, 2019

Present: **Members** Peg Scully (Chair), Gale Morris (Secretary/Treasurer), Ray Dahlstrom, Janice Zecher(Alternate), \_Alan Fall (BOS Rep)

**Absent:** Members Scott Cunningham, Bonnie Burroughs, Bill Carney. Alternates: Lee Fritz Mark McKinley, Sue Hoople, Karrie Buttrick

Call to order at 6 pm, quorum having been met.

**Minutes** of April 11, 2019 were voted into acceptance. Janice will remove the "Draft" designation from the town's copy and file these April minutes in the town records.

Peg reported that she and Scott had attended the NH Preservation Alliance program at the end of May in Littleton. Much of the material was familiar to our commission but the experience was worthwhile in being among other HC members from other towns in the initial stages of organizing their work. It was satisfying to note how much we have accomplished in Freedom in the last 10 years. Andrew Cushing of the Preservation Alliance was there and confirmed an August 22<sup>nd</sup> program in Freedom which he will conduct on "Researching your Old House."

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### Projects/Inventories:

**Snow Roller.** Alan reported that he, Scott, Bill Elliott, and Darwin Moulton, had gone to Maine to examine the Knight family's roller after the snow had melted. They determined:

- Frame in bad repair, wood largely rotten

- For transport to Freedom, the frame will need to be cut, (4cuts)

- Pieces will be labeled for correct reassembly pattern

- Seasoned ash wood will be used for new pieces. They will see if Jason Ferry can mill the wood.

- They will check rollers in Bartlett and at the Remick Museum for accuracy in reassembly; they will consult with Sutt Marshall, too

Alan said that it is important to consult the Knight farm manager about time of removal of roller so as not to interfere with haying, and he guessed the removal process could happen in July.

Scott has talked with Mr. Knight and will continue to act as the liaison with him. Scott's also talking on behalf of the Historical Society which will add the roller to its collection. We hope Scott can get some history and photos of the roller in the process of moving, and that we can generate some publicity on this project.

Bill Carney will be consulted about dimensions of his barn entrance and whether the reassembled roller could fit through it. Another option would be to place the roller on the Masonic Lodge property

The immediate plan is to compile a list of needed materials. New wood ash pieces, seasoned for a year, would be attached to the iron parts, and if all goes well, it would be put together by next summer (2020)

Mark McKinley has painted two primer coats on the Roller Shed Door and took pictures of the inside contents. He will paint a final coat of an appropriate neutral tone when we have some more dry days in a row. The old doors will go to the transfer station and the cemetery fence pieces will be returned to the cemetery eventually. When the inside of the shed is cleared, some members expressed hope that the snow roller along with some other FHS wheeled vehicles could be put inside. We thanked Alan for his thorough update of the roller project and Mark for his contribution.

**Plaque Installation.** The plaques are at Peg's house. Mark will redrill holes for the shed plaque and install it. We should take photos at the time and prepare some publicity in time for Old Home Week. Alan suggested Peg make a few remarks at the Thursday, August 8, Ice Cream Social and Band Concert about the "new" snow roller. She will invite Andrew Cushing (Pres. Alliance) to attend.

The church will decide when to install their plaque.

**Inventories.** Peg sent Karrie information on house (288 Cushing Corner Road) for whenever she can do further work on that history. Ray needs to complete research on the Tannery ownership from 1855 forward. He needs information on the date built and first owner. Alan remembered the name John Churchill and said he would help Ray with deeds. Town tax records are useful sources for determining dates when a property becomes more or less valuable. The tannery may have ceased functioning when some of its contents were taken to use in making spindles. Peg offered to type up Ray's final report. Photo and layout material should be at FHS.

**Other Business:**

FHS House Project: Peg reported the Museum raised over \$850 in the "NH Gives" 24-hour on-line fund raising project. This will be used for the intern's salary in her work on the data base of 250 houses. Hillary Johnson has been hired,

School Markers: We have received permission from the Stoops family to place a sign on their property to mark the area where an early Freedom School was located.

Operating Procedures: This policy is still being updated. The statement regarding budget funds will be rewritten as follows: **An annual request for operating funds (presently \$850) will be a line item in the Town Warrant. The funds will be held by the Town and dispersed upon formal request by the HC Secretary/Treasurer or by members who wish reimbursement for HC work. Money not spent at the end of the year will be returned to the town. Other money in the form of gifts or donations to the Heritage Commission will be held indefinitely and must be used for Heritage Commission purposes. This money is held by the Town in a separate account."**

Volunteer hours forms were passed out. Members should keep track of hours spent on HC work and turn in by December so they can be included in the town report.

The Heritage Commission will renew the \$50 membership to the Preservation Alliance and Peg will receive email and print mailings at her address. Alan will do the OHW Wednesday History Walk with the Historical Society at Cushing Corner this year on August 7. He will present the HC's program, "Less Told Tales of Freedom" on Sunday, August 4, at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm. **Next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 12th at 6 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Morris, Secretary