

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

April 15, 2021

Present: Peg Scully (Chair), Scott Cunningham, Alan Fall, Karrie Buttrick (A), Sue Hoople(A), Ernie Day (BOS Rep)

Absent: Bill Carney, Mark McKinley (A)

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm in the Davidson Room of the Church.

Due to COVID concerns, this is the first meeting of the Heritage Commission since January 9, 2020.

The minutes of January 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed. The statement "Freedom's roller is #3 in the state of NH" was changed to "Freedom's Roller Shed is #3 in the state of NH". Peg made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and it was seconded by Alan. All were in favor.

The April 9, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID concerns. Peg submitted a Chair Report in place of the meeting. The Chair Report dated April 9, 2020 was reviewed. Alan made a motion to accept the Chair Report and it was seconded by Ernie. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business: Peg is going to follow up with Bonnie Elie to see if the Community Club might be interested in donating money to help with the restoration of the snow roller.

Election of New Officers: Peg is retiring as Chair and nominated Alan as Chair and Alan accepted. Motion was seconded by Ernie. All were in favor of Alan's nomination. Peg nominated Karrie as Recording Secretary/Treasurer and Karrie accepted. Motion was seconded by Alan. All were in favor of Karrie's nomination. Alan nominated Peg as Vice-Chair and Peg accepted. Motion was seconded by Ernie. All were in favor of Peg's nomination

During the past year, the commission had several members resign, those members were Bonnie Burroughs; Ray Dahlstrom; Lee Fritz; and Janice Zecher. It was discussed and determined that the resigning members should be sent a letter thanking them for their service and the letter should come from the Board of Selectmen. Ernie is going to follow up with Ellen. To comply with the Commission Operating Procedures, By-Law 1, Commission Members; Karrie and Sue agreed to move from Alternates to Members. This will bring our commission membership to the following: Alan Fall (Chair); Peg Scully (Vice-Chair); Karrie Buttrick (Secretary/Treasurer); Bill Carney; Scott Cunningham; Sue Hoople; Mark McKinley (A); and Ernie Day (BOS Rep). Ernie will ensure that those appointments will be reviewed and approved at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Updating Operating Procedures: By-Law 4, Commission Meetings will be updated to reflect the following: "The Commission will meet 5 times a year, on the 2nd Thursday of January, April, June, September and November at 4:00pm in the Davidson Room of the First Christian Church." Peg will make the update to the Operating Procedure and will get the update out to the members.

Snow Roller Update: Scott has been in contacted Jason Ferry and has found him to be extremely busy but still hopes that Jason will assist with getting the wood cut into planks. Scott believes that we have a good supply of wood for the project. There are two large ash trees from Barbara McEvoy's property, Sue has some ash trees available on her property and Ernie offered any additional wood needed from his property. Scott proposed bringing the cut timber to his property on Watson Hill so the wood could be inventoried and sawed by a portable mill at one location. Scott is working on the logistics of getting the cut timber moved from Barbara's property. Scott will get with Jerry on the drawing. Scott also is going to lay out the old frame to get a rough idea as to how much wood will need to be cut. Scott plans on making a trip to the Remick Farm to look at their snow roller.

Peg reported that John Shipman will speak about a possible fundraiser for the snow roller at the next Historical Society Meeting. Alan said Scott had a good idea for a fundraiser, "Sell a slat/plank holder" with a suggested donation of \$10.

Peg mentioned that the Roller Shed needs to be cleaned out. Mark McKinley and Chuck Brook want to assist on this project.

Masonic Temple Update: Ernie stated that Masonic Temple will be an agenda item at the Board of Selectmen Meeting on April 26, 2021 and that a hearing date will probably be given at that meeting.

Town Office Advisory Committee: Due to Covid, the committee had a late start with their first meeting in September 2020. Alan reported that Bergeron Technical Services was selected to do the feasibility study on the Town Office Building and although there will be a delay in the start of the work, the town will benefit from Bergeron Technical Services expertise and this will give the community a better opportunity to understand the project's progress.

Other Business: Peg would like to see the work continues with the Freedom Houses binders at the FHS. Sue said she would help Peg and could show other people how to access the registry.

Sue asked about the availability of the old tax inventory records. Alan mentioned that the 1831-1950 Tax Inventory Records are now stored in the fire proof safe at the Public Safety Building.

Scott talked about digitizing the old tax inventory books, that it is possible to photograph the book. Sue said she would be interested in helping.

Ernie mentioned that the "Welcome to Freedom" sign on Route 153 by Bald Ledge Stable was damaged and will be replaced.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Peg and seconded by Sue. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next meeting of the Heritage Commission will be June 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Karrie Buttrick, Secretary/Treasurer