

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes

November 11, 2021

Present: Alan Fall (Chair), Peg Scully (Vice-Chair), Karrie Buttrick (Sect'y), Sue Hoople (M), Ernie Day (BOS Rep)

Absent: Bill Carney, Scott Cunningham, Mark McKinley

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the Davidson Room of the Church.

The minutes of September 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Peg. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Snow Roller Update:

Alan and Scott met with Charlie Hatfield on Scott's property on Watson's Hill Road and there are a couple of good ash trees that are going to be harvested at some point. Charlie is donating his time to cut the trees down and get the trees to Jason Ferry for cutting. Alan stated that the possibility of constructing the snow roller next summer has closed since the ash for the frame will need to season. The slats for the drum will be seasoned by the summer but the wood for the frame will not and since we will need to stand in the drum to build the frame, it makes no sense to put the slats on the drum until the frame work is done. The hope is that we could start next winter if we could find a space large enough for the build.

Alan received a call from Bruce Howlett. Bruce would like to make a monetary donation towards the snow roller. Bruce would like to his donation to go to something tangible and Alan told him that he would do an inventory of the iron needed for the project and would get back to him.

Town Office Advisory Committee:

Ernie stated that he has been in touch with Anne Cunningham. Bergeron Technical Services has been out to the Town Office buildings and the committee expects to receive more information after the holidays. Karrie also received an email from Anne. The committee is due Phase 1 which will be the drawing/depictions of the two buildings. Bergeron will send them to the committee the week after Thanksgiving and then Bergeron will get into the needs assessment and design phase. Alan is asking that he be contacted when the TOA Committee has their next meeting.

Research Projects:

Peg has been working to access the Carroll County Registry of Deeds website and has worked with their tech support to get an app on her desktop so she can access the site more easily. Peg would like to work with Sue on two projects; the Tea House and Lee Fritz's project, the Hale-Hern Homestead. Peg shared Lee's work on the Hale-Hern Homestead and mentioned that she would like to put the information into the format that the Historical Society used on the 7 Elm Street Project. Peg asked Sue if she could help her once again and Karrie asked to join them so that she can also learn the process. Sue said she was available so the three agreed to get together

in the next few weeks. Peg also questioned the correct spelling of the name Hern, she has seen it spelled as Hurn and was wondering which was correct. Alan said that you will see it spelt both way in the deeds. Alan said when indexing to look under both names. Alan said that he has surveyed the Hern Property several times. Peg ask if Alan could send her that information.

Other Business:

Budget for Next Year:

The Commission has been requesting \$850 yearly from the town. The Commission has expensed only \$36 this year. Peg asked about the possibility of using the money to hire someone to help with doing research. Peg asked about the legality of using the town's money for a researcher. Alan didn't think that using the money to hire a researcher would be a problem, he was more concern that \$850 would not get much research from someone with experience. Sue said she is willing train anyone interested in doing research. As far as requesting money for the next budget, Alan feels that \$850 is more than adequate to sending members to a seminar and it could be used to hire someone to do research. If the research goes well, maybe the next year, the commission could request more money from the town for a researcher.

There was no additional business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Heritage Commission will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karrie Buttrick, Secretary/Treasurer