

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes September 9, 2021

Present: Alan Fall (Chair), Peg Scully (Vice-Chair), Karrie Buttrick (Sect'y), Scott Cunningham (A), Ernie Day (BOS Rep)

Absent: Bill Carney, Sue Hoople, Mark McKinley

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm in the Davidson Room of the Church.

The minutes of April 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Alan made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Ernie. All were in favor.

There was no committee meeting on June 10, 2021.

Unfinished Business:

Snow Roller Update:

Scott reported that he has a group of volunteers meeting on Monday, September 13th to move the wood that has been cut for the treads of the snow roller to Watson Hill Road where it will be stacked and covered for drying. Scott also plans to do a write up on the snow roller that outlines the project with some pictures. Scott suggested that the write up should be sent out to the Heritage Commission members and Historical Society members so that they can get a sense of what the whole project is all about. Alan and Scott made a trip to the Remick Farm and measured their snow roller to come up with a material list for the frame and pole. Scott has a lead on some more trees needed for the snow roller. Both Scott and Alan have visited the Northeast Hardwood Lot on Rte 25 which had some ash that could be used for the frame. Alan said that there might be a need buy some wood. Scott agreed so that wood could get to Jason Ferry to be cut. Alan discussed the need for a single tree for the pole. Scott said there might be some trees on his property on Watson Hill that could be used, to include a tree tall enough to use as the pole. Alan said while researching the snow roller at the Remick Family, it was determined that the snow roller was built at the Parsons Mill in Effingham Falls so it would be safe to say that the original Freedom snow roller also came from the Parsons Mill. It was discussed that the Freedom snow roller that is being recreated should mimic that of the Remick snow roller.

Peg asked about the fundraiser that the Historical Society is doing to raise money for the snow roller. Scott responded that the Historical Society has raised some money which will be used to pay Jason for his current expenses and they have several fundraisers planned throughout the year.

Town Office Advisory Committee:

Ernie spoke to Anne Cunningham. Bergeron Technical Services has been to the Town Offices to take measurements. Anne is waiting on Shawn Bergeron to get back with her with his recommendations before setting up the next committee meeting.

Research Projects:

Peg reported that she and Sue Hoople are halfway through researching the Tea House. Peg also mentioned the research work that Janice Zecher did for the Freedom Historical Society on the 7 Elm Street building. Peg shared a copy of the Historical Society's newsletter and found that the formatting of the information that Janice used to present the building's history was easy to read.

Peg had also received from Lee Fritz some additional information on the Hale Hern Homestead which is land up on Burnham Road. Peg believes that putting the information into a format similar to what Janice presented would make it easier to read.

Peg asked about the possibility of hiring someone to do some of the research work using some of the \$850 that we received from the town. It was discussed and determined that it would require a vote of the committee to do so and with an understanding of what the committee would receive when spending this money. Peg mentioned that two individuals signed up during Old Home Week with an interest in joining the Heritage Commission and that research work might be the type of work that they can help with.

Peg mentioned that Sue was interested in working on the Huckins Land, how it was bought and broken down into lots around the lake.

Other Business:

There was no new business.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alan and seconded by Ernie. Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

The next meeting of the Heritage Commission will be Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karrie Buttrick, Secretary/Treasurer