

## Heritage Commission, Freedom, NH

### Minutes of the Commission meeting held at The Library on 06/12/2014 (drafted 07/02/14)

**ATTENDED BY: Members** -, Bob Smart, Bonnie Burroughs, Peg Scully Gale Morris, and Carol Foord. .  
**Select Board Rep.** ó Ernie Day, Jr.   **Alternates** - Raymond Dahlstrom, Scott Cunningham and Lee Fritz  
**Member of the Public** ó Anne Cunningham, Peter Park  
**ABSENT:** Member - Alan Fall

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:00 pm. And conducted by the Vice. Chair.

**QUORUM:** Requirement of 4 members present was met.

**ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATES:** Raymond Dahlstrom was assigned to vote in place of Alan Fall

**MASTER PLAN HISTORICAL RESOURCES CHAPTER:** Anne Cunningham from the Planning Board was present to provide information on revision to the Freedom Master Plan that will be in review for the next 1+ years. There is an opportunity to include a new chapter relating to "Historical Resources". The Heritage Commission has and continues to support such an addition. It was agreed that our path forward will be for Peg to complete a draft of this chapter and distribute to Commission members for review and edit outside of a meeting. Results of this review will be on the agenda for our next meeting in September.

**MINUTES OF THE 04/10/14 Meeting** as recorded on draft dated 04/26/14 were accepted as presented.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **Inventory Sub-Committee:**

**Cushing Corner Road Area Tour:** Alan, Gale and Bonnie walked the area on both sides of the road near the Bojus property to view cellar holes and other items relating to the history of this area. Velma Hormell's mother lived in this area. Most area is now owned by Billy Nason.

**Town Hall:** Peg has received word that application to place the Town Hall on the State Register of Historic Places was approved. Consideration being given to identifying an organization that would chair a recognition event for this and the 125<sup>th</sup>. birthday of this structure. Peg will submit a Press Release about Town Hall historic designation.

**Village Store:** Miranda has received approval from the State Division of Historical Resources to move forward with an application for placement on the State Register of Historical Places.

**Bronze Plaques:** Committee of Peg, Gale and Bob has obtained pricing information for the 15" x 10" plaque from Southwell Co of San Antonio, TX. Design was approved by the Commission at our 04/10/14 meeting. The plaque is a universal design for our town and can be used on all appropriate buildings. Alan asked the Masonic Lodge if they would fund purchase of a plaque for Town Hall. Net result is that funding has been pledged by the Masons and two anonymous donors to purchase three plaques ó Town Hall, Town Office Building and the Masonic Lodge. The Select Board was asked for and granted permission to place these plaques on the exterior of Town Hall and the Office Building. At our request they also designated a location on the parking lot side of Town Offices for that plaque. During discussion at the 06/12 /14 Commission meeting a proposal was voiced to include a date on each plaque recording when the property was placed on the State list or when the plaque was placed on the building. Bob raised concern that this addition may increase the price and agreed to investigate. Purchase approval is delayed until this information is obtained.

**OHW – Village Walk on 08/06/14** – Carol is continuing to work on this joint project with the Historical Society. She will contact Sarah Tabor regarding permission to have a public gathering on this property.

**Commission Membership** – It has been determined that the 7 person membership includes the Select Board Representative and there are five Alternate positions. Scott Cunningham has moved to the list of Alternates. Bob was asked to follow up on who is to take action to fill the two remaining, alternate positions.

**Chase House Project:** Gale provided copies of a 06/02/14 letter from John Shipman of the Freedom Historical Society. It outlined the work they plan on adding information to the 1976 Don Chase house book. A 09/17/14 public information program is scheduled. The Heritage Commission is invited to participate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ernie reported on recent information in the press regarding the ÷WEST OXFORD AGRICULTURE SOCIETY, which is now known as The Fryberg Fair. Freedomø John Godfrey was a delegate for Freedom some 25 years ago. Ernie suggested we investigate the present organization structure to determine if Freedom should continue to have a delegate in this organization.

**NEXT MEETING:** 09/11/2014, 6:00 pm in the Library.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM.** (1.5 Hrs.)

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Robert H. Smart, Secretary/Treasurer