

Fracestown Heritage Commission

Minutes of meeting, December 10, 2005

Members of the HC present were Diane Curren, Chair; Mary Lindstrom, Ann Stewart, Peter Bixby, Alternate. Absent were Veda O'Neill Alternate, Sy Little, Lisa Phillips.

The HC agreed to advise on the matter of the application for subdivision of acreage at the Todd House on Todd Road and Pleasant Pond Road. At the HC meeting on December 10th, Peter Bixby agreed to inspect the house to determine its age and historic relevance. The original house had burned and the present structure is of an unknown date. This information is important to the Planning Board in their consideration of the application. Ben Watson, Chair of the Planning Board, will notify HC on all up-coming site walks so that at least one member of the HC may attend.

Also at the December meeting, a town-wide mailing and questionnaire was discussed and a draft was revised. One purpose of the questionnaire will be to enhance residents' awareness and understanding of the purpose of the HC. A second purpose of the questionnaire, developed in cooperation with the Planning Board, will be to update the list of Historic Assets, which were identified in the Master Plan, based largely upon the work of Greg Thulander for the Planning Board in 1991.

As a public service, the HC will plan to have a speaker at the April meeting, and Mary Lindstrom will facilitate this service.

The January meeting will be joint with the Conservation Commission Chair Betsy Hardwick and Fracestown Land Trust Chair Greg Neilley. Some of the discussion will focus upon Peter Bixby's recent hike in the Town Forest. Peter, and Bill McAuley will be the HC liaison to those two organizations.

Jennifer and Jason Martel at the Village Store have said that they would like to have the store on the State Register of Historic places. Mary Lindstrom is advising them on this process and has supplied them with printed information and instructions. There is also a liaison at NH Division of Historical Resources.

The next meeting of the HC will be January 14th, and is open to the public, as are all meetings of Town boards.