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At the April meeting of the Heritage Commission, Elizabeth Muzzey, State Survey Coordinator for the NH Division of Historical Resources, presented to the Commission and good number of interested residents of our Town, an overview of the process and forms necessary to place an individual property in consideration for the State Register of Historic Places.

As a demonstration of the process and forms, Ms. Muzzey walked the audience through completion of the application forms of the Fracestown Village Store for consideration in the Register. Mary Lindstrom has been instrumental in assisting Jason and Jennifer Martel, owners of the Store, with the historic research for this project.

The Fracestown Heritage Commission is an ADVISORY Commission. It does NOT regulate. The Heritage Commission is NOT an Historic District Commission, which is regulatory. One of the functions of the Heritage Commission is to assist, upon request, our local agencies, local boards, and residents on matters affecting, or potentially affecting, historic and cultural issues.

The Heritage Commission, since it was voted in at the March, 2005 Town Meeting, has met with representatives of the Conservation Commission, Fracestown Land Trust, Planning Board, and FIHS. The Heritage Commission will continue to meet with other agencies and boards within the town to offer assistance within the guidelines of RSA 673 and RSA 674.

The Heritage Commission will shortly be mailing a questionnaire to all residents, and all are sincerely urged to complete this questionnaire and to return it. The results will be published in a future issue of the News. And, these results together with information from FIHS, our Town histories, the Barn Survey and the Walking Tour publication are planned for incorporation into the up-dated section of the Master Plan relating to cultural and historic assets of the Town.