

FRACONIA MUSEUM HISTORY COMMITTEE

and

FRANCONIA AREA HISTORY COUNCIL

Its purpose, beginnings, meeting notes and projects.

1979-

Eileen O'Neil Ball, 2021

BEGINNINGS:

1979

November 14, 1979- The first meeting of a group of Franconia residents organized a committee and gave it the name the Franconia Museum Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Phyllis Herbert, Louise Peabody, Sarah Welch, Hamilton Ford.

Discussions:

- Officers elected: President, Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Secretary Phyllis Herbert
- Storage of historical items
- The dismantled (Luke) Brooks house location (barn at Mrs. Valentines/Reinholds)
- Painting of OLD SAW MILL, which hangs in the Town Hall building belongs to the Museum Committee (it was presented to Sarah Welch by Wyman Brooks (about 4 years ago, 1975)
- Decision to invite the following persons to the next meeting: Eileen Ball, Linda Ford, Bob McLachlin, Bill Heath, Don Eastman, Ashton Crosby, Ann Ackley and Jane Micciche
- Suggestions to place items on display in public buildings
- Work on dating old homes and buildings
- Contact with the Selectman in regards to the committee's status into receiving historical items

December 12, 1979-Franconia Museum Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Ham Ford, Bob Jesseman, Linda Ford, Phyllis Herbert.

Discussions:

- Regarding the old Stone Stack
- Need for space in storing items
- Dr. Givens and Ham Ford would contact the Selectman about getting permanent museum committee appointment

1980

January 16, 1980-Franconia History Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Robert McLachlin, Virginia Davis, Edgar Davis, Phyllis Herbert, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Proposed warrant article and explanation to be submitted to the selectman, for a Historical Museum Committee
- Form developed for accepting of materials will be drawn up
- It was noted that Harley Burt is a direct descendant of one of the original settlers of Franconia

February 20, 1980-Franconia Museum History Committee meeting.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Ham Ford, Edgar Davis, Bob McLachlin, Phyllis Herbert, Sarah Welch, Eileen Ball.

Phyllis Herbert has started a Petty Cash Account, starting with \$20., given anonymously.

Discussions:

- Purpose of this meeting was to influence people about the purpose for the committee, collect data and artifacts on the History of the town
- Glass display case with artifacts will be found for the town meeting

February 23, 1980 a Letter to the Editor of the Littleton Courier was written by Dr. Givens regarding the importance of a museum history committee.

May 7, 1980-Franconia Museum History Committee meeting.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Phyllis Herbert, Robert Jesseman, Edgar Davis, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- List of committee member were accepted by the selectman, to include: Dr. Ruth Givens, Sarah Welch, Ham Ford, Linda Ford, Phyllis Herbert, Bob Jesseman, Amy Bahr, Eileen Ball, with Edgar Davis as an associate member
- All Town files are available to the committee in the closet in the Town building

- Dr. Givens appointed Eileen Ball and Phyllis Herbert to go through the Town files and report back to the committee
- Sarah Welch and Dr. Givens reported that they have old photographic glass plates and it was suggested that Jake Aldrich be contacted in regards to his father's old photos, etc.
- Dr. Givens has been asked to serve on the North Country Historic Foundation and with discussion Eileen Ball made a motion that we pursue the Foundations offer of having a Dartmouth graduate who will do historic research
- Edgar Davis proposed a contest for the elementary school and \$100. Was given by an anonymous donor with prizes of 1st place \$50., 2nd \$25. 3rd prize \$15. 4th Prize \$10. An essay w/display to accompany it, then the articles to be donated to the committee

June 18, 1980- Franconia Museum History Committee meeting.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Phyllis Herbert, Robert Jesseman, Linda Ford, Edgar Davis.

Discussions:

- Dr. Givens reported that the Selectman agreed to pay Kelvin Haok, Dartmouth graduate for historical research
- Nominations of officers were adopted: Chairman Dr. Ruth Ayers- Givens; Phyllis Herbert, secretary; Eileen Ball, treasurer
- The essay contest was discussed having the Franconia Elementary grades 4, 5 and 6 take part. Several towns people who want to remain anonymous (Ned Dinsmore and Bruce Bunker) wish to contribute to the prizes awarded. Topics suggested were roads, foot-paths, industry, schools, saw-mills, artists, authors, hotels and inns, etc.
- Bruce Bunker has purchased Edgar Davis's Franconia Stove and will keep it in his possession until such time as the museum has a place suitable in which to house it
- Sarah Welch thinks the oldest building in town is the red house on Lafayette Road across Willow Bridge-the Edson Place or where Harry Shores lives so many years ago, this is all noted in the DEATCHMAS book

July 15, 1980-Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Phyllis Herbert, Robert Jesseman, Edgar Davis, Virginia Davis, Eileen Ball, Bob McLachlin and guests from the Franconia Elementary School Principal Litzwann, sixth grade teacher Mr. Smiles.

Discussions:

- Details of the essay contest: Prizes Limited to 4, 5, 6 Lafayette Regional School students. For each class 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes and an overall winner. The top 3 picked by school officials, top essay to be chosen by the Museum History committee from the 9 essays. Certificates for each student
- Eileen Ball moved we limit the contest to the 6th grade students only, seconded by Sarah Welch and unanimously approved
- Mr. Litzwann suggested the committee have a member talk on historical subjects and a discussion followed on the question of guidance in research
- Eileen Ball will open a checking account for the Franconia History Committee

September 24, 1980- Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Robert Jesseman, Edgar Davis, Bob McLachlin, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Essay Contest: who will own the essays once completed and subjects were broadened
- Edgar Davis will get certified check at the Lafayette Bank for prizes
- The essay contest and its prize money amounts are up to the teachers and school representatives. Approval from the school board will be sought
- Robert Jesseman made known that there is a Lime Kiln on the Bickford Hill Road on the left just up the hill
- It was suggested that Timber Lane as a site where a Coal Kiln can be found and that pictures be taken of these sites
- Robert Jesseman also stated that he is related to the first Jesseman to settle in Franconia

November, 1980 Petty Cash Lafayette National Bank, \$100.

1981

February 4, 1981- Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Virginia Davis, Robert Jesseman, Edgar Davis, Amy Bahr, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Chairman Dr. Givens announced that she would like Robert Jesseman and Ham Ford to serve as a nominating committee
- Re-construction of the Brooks House
- Eileen Ball was asked to speak to Esther Seraphine, Louise Peabody and Bob Gilbert about being speakers at the elementary school essay contest
- Edgar Davis told the committee of a beautiful display case we could purchase
- Essay Contest held this past spring and the winners:
 - Two 1st place winners received a copy of Sarah Welch's book and \$25. each
 - Kristen Peabody and Lance Ball
 - 2nd place winner received a Bronze bi-centennial coin and \$18.
 - David Anderson
 - 3rd place winner received a Bronze bi-centennial coin and \$12.
 - Sonja Rasmussen
 - Th place winner received a Bronze bi-centennial coin and \$10.
 - Mark Ford
- The committee would like to begin making interview tapes with some of the citizens. A tentative list of suggested to include: Sarah Welch, Phyllis Herbert, Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Edgar Davis, Myra Sherburn, Lena Pelletier, Mrs. Aubrey Reid, and Martha Carpenter
- Jerry Peabody offered a Franconia Stove for the museum

April 14, 1981, Edgar Davis purchased "Exploring White Mountains" and "White Mountain Scrapbook" for the Lafayette Regional School sixth grade students for the essay contest. The booklets will be used to help the students in learning about the history of the area and in finding subjects in their research. These booklets were donated by Edgar Davis.

May 1981, the Franconia Museum History Committee received a personally signed thank you note from the Lafayette School sixth grade students for the booklets purchased by Edgar Davis.

June 25, 1981-Luke Brooks House Committee.

Members: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Ham Ford, Amy Bahr, Sarah Welch.

- The committee had several meetings to get the Luke Brooks house assembled and placed on a permanent site

June 1981 Cash in Lafayette National Bank, \$10.

July 22, 1981-Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Phyllis Herbert, Sarah Welch, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Eileen Ball met last week with the selectmen and was told there are funds available for the museum use
- Eileen Ball reported that the Selectmen refused to approve Bernard Herbert as a member of his committee
- Sarah Welch wanted the museum building named for Luke Brooks
- Dr. Givens thinks the house should be dedicated to him and the committee feels the original deed between Sarah Welch and the town should stand as it reads, and Sarah Welch agreed

August 24, 1981-Prior to Frances Ann Johnson Hancock's death in 1979, she contacted Bernard Herbert then Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Franconia, regarding a manuscript she wrote about the Great Stone Face. Mrs. Hancock's purpose in meeting with Bernard Herbert was to offer the manuscript to the Franconia Museum History Committee for its publication and for the profits of the sale of this book benefit a museum in Franconia. However, the Franconia Museum History Committee is a committee of the Town of Franconia and was not able to enter into business transaction, and the Town Selectmen did not want to get in the business of publishing a book. This left Bernard Herbert with having to organize a separate group of citizens to set up a working committee that would be willing to take on the venture of publishing this manuscript. Bernard was a master at finding, organizing and promoting the Town of Franconia, and because of his enthusiasm, he began the process of finding citizens willing to take on what he began to call "Old Man Book Review Committee".

Bernard wrote a letter with the purpose clearly spelled out "this committee will review a publishing purpose for a 270-page book manuscript by Frances Ann Johnson Hancock on the Old Man. Mrs. Hancock completed this work before her death and the manuscript is now the property of the Town of Franconia by gift grant from the heirs of

the Hancock Estate. The proposal by Phoenix Publishing of Canaan, New Hampshire.... Your advice will be necessary at the meeting to develop plans to move the project forward". Bernard Hall Herbert, Chairman, Old Man Book Review Committee.

Frances Ann Johnson Hancock:

- Born 1900, Whitefield, NH
- 1920 graduated from Plymouth Normal School
- 1926 wrote "Old Man of the Mountains" song
- 1944 wrote "New Hampshire for Yong Folks" textbook and other textbooks
- 1961 married Frank R. Hancock, Director of the "Bretton Woods Boys Singer"
- Died October 11, 1979

October 15, 1981 Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Virginia Davis, Bob Jesseman, Sarah Welch, Edgar Davis, Amy Bahr, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Bob Jesseman owns a picture of the old Sanborn Dance Hall
- Edgar Davis wanted the committee to know that Mrs. Chase who lived on Coal Hill Road manufactured wooden bedsteads
- Letters were read by former students of Dow Academy. The object is to develop interest in re-purchasing Dow Academy
- Sarah Welch showed photos taken by Daniel Santry-his family expressed interest in us having an exhibition of his works completed in the 1800's
- Amy Bahr explained that there is a scale model of Franconia at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Concord. They might be interested in donating it to the museum when they no longer require it

November 17, 1981-The Old Man Book Review Committee.

Present: Bernard Herbert, Dick Hamilton, Niels Nielsen, Jack Colby, Lex Paradis, Amy Bahr, Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Austin Macauley.

Discussion:

- Lex Paradis of Phoenix Publishing gave a presentation and proposal
- Hamilton Ford and Ned Dinsmore donated monies to reproduce the manuscript so all members can read and evaluate it
- Election of Officers: Richard Hamilton and Niels Nielsen Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Editorial Committee, along with Jack Colby, Editor of Littleton

Courier, Amy Bahr, Abbie Greenleaf librarian, Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, and Austin Macauley, local photographer as members

- A list of survey questions for the reviewer to answer when reviewing the Old Man book

December 2, 1981 Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Amy Bahr, Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Dr. Givens wants to keep the essay contest going in the school
- A Food sale in support of the essay contest funds is scheduled for February 13, 1981

December 9, 1981 Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: Sarah Welch, Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Amy Bahr, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Where to obtain funds for the essay contest, the possibility of polling the other members and their willingness to continue with the essay contest

1982

August 1, 1982 Old Man Book Review Committee.

Members: Sherman Adams, former Governor; Eileen Ball, Franconia Museum History Committee; Amy Bahr, Chairman Franconia Museum History Committee and Abbie Greenleaf Librarian-(Editorial); Jack Colby, Editor Littleton Courier; Ned Densmore, Owner Village Book Store; Hamilton Ford, Franconia Businessman (Financial); Dr. Ruth Ayres-Givens, (Editing, Editorial); Richard Hamilton, White Mountain Attractions (Editorial); Bernard Herbert, Chairman Old Man Book Review Committee (Financial); Austin Macaulay, local photographer; James McIntosh, Editor Caledonian Record; Niels Nielsen, Old Man repair, (Editorial); Alexander (Lex) Paradis, Phoenix Publishing (Publisher); Gloria Poliquin, Reporter (Press); Harry Reid, Manager Franconia Notch; Edwin Rudin, Janet Rudin, Karl Schaffer, Reverend Carlton Schaller, All Saints Church, Littleton; Esther Serafini, Sugar Hill historian; Norman Sivin, (Legal Matters) Catherine Stillman, Angela Stroup, Dwight Taylor, (Financial).

August 31, 1982 Old Man of the Mountains Proposed Schedule

December 1, 1982	Manuscript into copy editing
December 1, 1982	Manuscript into copy editing
January 4, 1983	Manuscript into type
March 21, 1983	On press
April 1, 1983	Off Press, to Bindery
April 29, 1983	Publication

August 29, 1982 Old Man of the Mountain Book Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Amy Bahr, Richard Hamilton, Norman Sivin, Niels Nielsen, Jr., Adrian (Lex) Paradis, Dwight Taylor, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Revisions of the manuscript, it was noted that the author Frances Ann Johnson Hancock had not completed the manuscript prior to her death
- Phoenix Publishing explained costs, etc
- A motion was made for the committee to take the steps necessary to proceed with publication of 4000 copies of Mrs. Hancock's manuscript
- "The Chairman requested that Dwight Taylor assume responsibility for planning a financial campaign and various possibilities for obtaining financial backing...."

- “The Chairman thereupon requested Eileen Ball and Amy Bahr to discuss and work out with the town attorney, Mr. Samaha, a legally acceptable means of accepting donations and grants for the publication of the book...”
- “Mr. Sivin reported on his investigations of the will on file pertaining to the Hancock estate and heirs...”

September 29, 1982 Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers- Givens, Amy Bahr, Richard Hamilton, Edward Densmore, Austin Macaulay, Norman Sivin, Niels Nielsen, Jr., Adrian (Lex) Paradis, Dwight Taylor, Eileen Ball

Discussions:

- Dwight Taylor requested that he not be the chairman of the Finances for the committee. Hamilton Ford and Dwight Taylor will share the position and each become co-chairman
- Eileen Ball commented on the 1st chapter, noting the need for more specific geological information in order for it to be readable. Lex Paradis and Eileen Ball will work on this together
- The legality of accepting funds or donations was reported and the indication was that the Town of Franconia they will not be involved financially in any way with this project. It was decided that Amy Bahr and Norman Sivin contact Mr. Samaha regarding the advisability of incorporating a non-profit corporation to publish the book
- Mr. Sivin will prepare and submit to the existing heirs of Mrs. Hancock’s estate, the necessary release forms in order to the ownership of the manuscript and accomplish said trusteeship
- Financial Committee will plan a campaign to get financial backing for the books’ publication costs
- Lex Paradis stated that the book required a thorough bibliography and Amy Bahr offered to assist in its preparation
- The Picture Committee consists of Hamilton Ford, Niels Nielsen, Austin Macaulay and A. L. Morris of the Phoenix Publishing, who will be responsible for the cover design

October 27, 1982 Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayres-Givens, Hamilton Ford, Adrian A. Paradis, Dwight Taylor, Amy Bahr, Eileen Ball.

Discussions:

- Financial discussion on the possibility of the Museum Committee and receiving funds donated for publication of the book and the Museum History Committee becoming a separate and independent entity
- Ham Ford observed that it would be time-consuming for both committees to be separate
- Dr. Givens proposed that consideration be given to asking members of the Museum History Committee and the Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee to seek incorporation in order to make the financing and publication of the book, as well as future ongoing activities of the museum possible.
- Fund-raising plans and incorporation as well as obtaining the necessary IRS tax-exempt status
- Dr. Givens reported that Mr. and Mrs. Rudins had their ownership to the book manuscript turned over to her as trustee

November 23, 1982 Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayres-Givens*, Hamilton Ford*, Adrian A. Paradis, Austin Macauley, Amy Bahr*, Eileen Ball*, Sarah Welch*, John Lyman*.

*=Members of the Franconia Museum History Committee

Discussions:

- Mr. Paradis gave a brief report on the progress of the book
- Dr. Givens gave a brief report on the reasons behind forming a separate society which included: sponsorship of the publishing the books manuscript, handling surplus funds for the museum after the publication of the book
- Mrs. Givens suggested that John Lyman be appointed a member of the Book Committee and the financial director. This newly formed committee should, be so constituted that it could serve as the basic organization for the support of a History-Museum program, and that John Lyman work out the necessary details with legal counsel for this newly formed committee

1983

January 11, 1983 Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayres-Givens, Adrian A. Paradis, Edward Densmore, John Lyman, Niels Nielsen, Norman Sivin, Dwight K. Taylor, Eileen Ball, Hamilton Ford (via telephone).

Discussion:

- Dr. Givens reported that the legal clearance had been obtained from all of the author's heirs
- Lex Paradis reported that the final text of the book should be ready by June 1 and that publication should be ready for the Christmas sale season
- John Lyman reported on the incorporation of the two committees into one and that: a) Dick Marsh of the Ski Museum had been helpful providing various documents pertaining to the incorporation and tax exemption, b) all documentation has been reviewed by Attorney Stephen Samaha, c) Mr. Samaha recommended that the committee prepare its own set of by-laws which he could review. Mr. Lyman said that he would do this in corporation with Eileen Ball, d) Mr. Samaha also suggested an article might be placed in this year's Annual Town Warrant transferring ownership of Sarah Welch's home from the town to the Museum and e) that the proposed corporation is envisaged as pertaining only to the Franconia Museum History Program and that the book on the Old Man would be a project of the new Museum History Corporation
- Mr. Densmore offered to check to make sure the by-laws of the new organization conformed to the requirements of sponsoring non-profit organizations
- Mr. Nielsen reported a) the interest by the leader of the New Hampshire Federated Women's Club and Eileen Ball will respond to the letter presented, b) mention a letter regarding Harry Smart's attempts to place the Old Man of the Mountains profile on the New Hampshire's State Seal, c) offered to prepare a list of the organizations to which he has already spoken to and draft a letter to send to each regarding the book project
- Dr. Givens appointed a committee to review the by-laws in advance of the next meeting, appointing Eileen Ball, John Lyman and herself to the subcommittee
- Dr. Givens asked Dwight Taylor and Ham Ford to work on the wording of a pledge form to be used in the fund-raising campaign and report back to the committee
- Mr. Sivin discussed various administrative difficulties he foresaw ahead

February 1, 1983 Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee.

Present: B+M Dr. Ruth Ayres-Givens, B+M Amy Bahr, B+M Eileen Ball, B+M John Lyman, B Adrian A. Paradis, B Niels Nielsen, B Norman Sivin, B Dwight K. Taylor, B Austin Macauley, M Sarah Welch.

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Discussion:

- Dr. Givens stated that the principal task facing the committee are a) financing of the book, b) members of both committees agree on the name of the new organization, c) she suggested the name Franconia Historic Conservation Council and that the purpose of this new committee was to receive and disburse funds connected with the book, as well as other projects in the future
- After much discussion the new organization will incorporate both the Franconia Museum Committee and the Old Man Book Review Committee to be named FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL and be organized as a non-profit corporation
- The Articles of Agreement were read and after further consultation with council will be brought back to the new committee for agreement
- Niels Nielsen suggested that one room in the Museum be devoted to Old Man memorabilia
- Dwight Taylor read the Pledge Form for fund-raising, the form's name was changed to Contribution/Pledge Form

February 22, 1983 Joint Meeting of the Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee and the Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: B+M Amy Bahr, B+M Eileen Ball, B+M John Lyman, B Adrian A. Paradis, B Dwight K. Taylor.

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Discussion:

- John Lyman explained the Articles of Agreement of the Franconia Area Heritage Council and that they have been duly filed and accepted by the state
- The Finance Committee has finalized its fundraising plans
- The revised Contribution/Pledge Form includes an offer of interest to those who advanced loans at 10% per annum and extended the loans to the Council for the publication of the book
- Eileen Ball has made contact with Mrs. R. Brown, Vice-Chairman of the New Hampshire Women's Clubs and she will be attending our next meeting

- John Lyman suggested we also contact Jennifer Lee of the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities to attend our next meeting as well.

March 29, 1983 Joint Meeting of the Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee and the Franconia Museum History Committee.

Present: B+M Amy Bahr, B+M Eileen Ball, B+M John Lyman, M Sarah Welch B Adrian A. Paradis, B Dwight K. Taylor, B Richard Hamilton, B Niels Nielsen, B Norman Sivin, and guest Mrs. Arthur F. Brown, Jr.

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Discussion:

- Discussion centered around the use of the name Mountain vs Mountains in the Old Man of the Mountains Book Committee title
- John Lyman reported that the Articles of Agreement were sent to Concord for registration but were returned because of the lack of a post office box number. He said that he was going to use the Town's post office box number but then decided that before he sent them back to Concord, he would add a new Article 6, which "provided that the incorporators as directors of the new corporation until their successors are elected; that the corporation can be merged into another corporation; and that the usual identification of directors provision be included in the articles".
- Newly appointed members of the Finance Committee are John Lyman, Hamilton Ford, Norman Sivin and Dwight Taylor
- Mrs. Arthur F. Brown, Jr. from New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs outlined her plans for adopting the Museum and the Old Man of the Mountains Book during her term as vice-president of the club

April 19, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL 1st meeting.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Bernard Herbert, Amy Bahr, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Hamilton Ford, Norman Sivin, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- Nominating Committee of the newly formed Franconia Area Heritage Council consisting of three people will bring a slate of offers to the next meeting to be acted upon which will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Norman Sivin made the motion that "In view of the contribution he has made to the forwarding of the book, I move Bernard Herbert be made a member of the Board of Directors" this motion was unanimously approved
- John Lyman will follow up with the tax-free status of the corporation IRS office in Manchester
- The price of the book will be set at \$14.95 and Finance Committee was given the green light to have purchase advertising promotional pieces for the selling of the book
- Dwight Taylor appointed a Finance Committee of the following members: Ham Ford, Norman Sivin, Niels Nielsen, John Lyman, Bernie Herbert and Dwight Taylor

May 5, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Lex Paradis, Bernard Herbert, Amy Bahr, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Norman Sivin, Niels Nielsen, Ham Ford, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- Nominating Committee slate of officers were voted on as: President-Dr. Ruth Ayers Givens, Vice-President-John Lyman, Recording Secretary-Eileen Ball, Correspondent Secretary-Lex Paradis and Treasurer-Dwight Taylor
- Dwight Taylor adjusted the list of those on the Finance Committee to include Ned Densmore. Bernard Herbert will be the Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee and every member of the Board of Directors to be under his direction
- Lex Paradis made the motion that the book be called "The Old Man of the Mountain" but Niels Nielsen had in his possession a letter from Frances Ann Johnson Hancock stating that she was under the impression that when she was writing the manuscript, it was a book called "Saving the Great Stone Face"
- Niels Nielsen read historical documentation from 1844-1892 that referred the use of the Mountain in the singular when referring to the "The Old Man of the Mountain" and he would like us to adopt that singular use of Mountain instead of

Mountains. The wording was adopted in the singular use of Mountain when referring to the "Old Man of the Mountain"

- The title of the book will be called "Saving the Great Stone Face"

June 1, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Lex Paradis, Bernard Herbert, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Ham Ford, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- Numbered First Editions of the book

June 29, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Richard Hamilton, Niels Nielsen, John Nielsen, Lex Paradis, Bernard Herbert, Sarah Welch, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Ham Ford, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- Clyde Smith submitted a picture of the Old Man to the picture committee
- Promotional materials for the members of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
- John Lyman and Norman Sivin are continuing to work on the Articles of Agreement
- John Lyman has asked Floyd Chase regarding the preparing of the IRS application tax exempt status

July 20, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Richard Hamilton, Niels Nielsen, John Nielsen, Lex Paradis, Bernard Herbert, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Ham Ford, Sarah Welch, Eileen Ball, and guest Al Morris.

Discussion:

- John Lyman stated that he is still working on the Tax-Free status and the by-laws
- Al Morris presented concerns of the Picture Committee of between 90-100 photos in the book. There are three photos chosen to be decided upon for the front cover of the book

August 31, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Niels Nielsen, Sarah Welch, Lex Paradis, Bernard Herbert, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Ham Ford, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- Dwight Taylor informed the board that a formal Thank-You letter will be sent to all those who bought the numbered first edition books
- Mailings to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest membership costs
- Louise Peabody was acknowledged for her efforts on the recent book material mailings
- Lex Paradis told the committee that the Littleton Courier has the corrected galleys, dust jackets and both Paul Bofinger and Sherman Adams letters and with luck the book should be ready by Christmas

September 28, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Amy Bahr, Ned Densmore, Sarah Welch, Hamilton Ford, Bernard Herbert, John Lyman, Adrian Paradis, Norman Sivin, Dwight K. Taylor, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- A vote of appreciation to the Picture Committee was extended and a letter of thanks is to be sent to each member of this committee
- A letter of appreciation will be sent to both Laurie Bergeron and Cathy Deming for their efforts in the mailings of all the materials related to the book
- A special vote of appreciation to Bernard Herbert for his special attention of time, and travel in the promotional mailings to the members of The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and all the work he put into all the other promotional mailings
- Loans from members Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Hamilton Ford and John Lyman were acknowledged
- Dwight Taylor was authorized to secure a loan at the Franconia Branch of the Indian Head Bank for the purpose of obtaining additional funds to enable the Council to pay the second installment of the Phoenix Publishing Co. bill
- Ned Densmore as owner of the Village Book Store, Littleton offered to reduce the normal markup of 46-50 percent to 40 percent. He also suggested that the price of the book be set at \$14.95. This was approved by the members present
- Dr. Givens expressed her and that of the entire board appreciation to Bernard Herbert for his untiring effort on behalf of the book

October 26, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, John Lyman, Adrian Paradis, Dwight K. Taylor, Sarah Welch.

Discussion:

- Additional fund-raising solicitation by the Finance Committee of major gifts or loans of \$500. or more to meet additional expenditures in connection with publishing and promoting the book.

November 30, 1983 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Ned Densmore, Richard Hamilton, John Lyman, Norman Sivin, Dwight K. Taylor, Sarah Welch, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- The date of December 31, 1983 was set as the cut off date for accepting orders for special editions of the book
- The revised by-laws were approved

1984

January 11, 1984, FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Sarah Welch, Richard Hamilton, Adrian Paradis, John Lyman, Dwight K. Taylor, Eileen Ball, and guest A. L. Morris.

Discussion:

- Phoenix Publishing was authorized to distribute the books for the Council
- Special numbered books will be hand delivered as much as possible in order to cut the cost of mailing
- Sponsor's names should appear alphabetically in the 160 copies of the specially bound red leather with gold stamping book (see pages 182-183, Saving the Great Stone Face)
- Approval of 3,000 special promotional folders

February 2, 1984 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Executive Board Meeting, Present: Chairman Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Vice-Chairman John Lyman, Treasurer Dwight Taylor, Secretary Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- Dr. Givens wanted to establish a committee for a program for the 1st annual meeting and appointed John Lyman as Chairman.
- Topics to be presented at the annual meeting included the Old Man and membership
- It was decided to have a full buffet dinner at a local restaurant to include all members, Paul Bofinger, Sherman Adams, and a member of the press

March 19, 1984 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens, Amy Bahr, Hamilton Ford, Adrian Paradis, Richard Hamilton, John Lyman, Sarah Welch, Austin Macauley, Niels Nielsen, Norman Sivin, Dwight Taylor, Eileen Ball.

Discussion:

- The cash on hand allowed the treasurer to pay off the loan from the Indian Head Bank
- Annual Meeting will be held during July 1984.

- There will be a special meeting held May 14, 1984 at 10:00 am in the State House at which time the Governor will celebrate what all that the people of New Hampshire have done to save the Old Man and Franconia Notch. A numbered copy of the book will be presented to the Governor
- A numbered copy of the book will be presented to the State Mansion (Bridges House) for its library
- Ham Ford request a special vote of thanks to be offered to Sarah Welch for having presented a copy of the numbered edition of the book to the Abbie Greenleaf Library
- Richard Hamilton and Niels Nielsen presented to Dr. Ruth Ayers-Givens a piece of granite taken from the Old Man which had been mounted especially for her mantel as a token of the Directors' appreciation for her leadership and work as chairman

April 19, 1984 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Executive Board Meeting, Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Given, John Lyman, Adrian Paradis, Dwight Taylor.

Discussion:

- Flowers were sent to Hamilton Ford who is in the hospital
- The Nominating Committee members for the following year are: Amy Bahr, Hamilton Ford and Austin Macauley
- It was agreed that they would offer The Frost Museum the opportunity to sell the book at 40% off the list price
- All outstanding bill are to be paid
- Membership dues are as followed: Individuals, \$3.00; non-profit organizations, \$5.00; businesses and corporations, \$10.00
- Elections will be held prior to the Annual Meeting
- Possible speakers for the Annual Meeting, Niels Nielsen to talk on his preservation work; great old hotels; painting of the White Mountains

June 18, 1984 FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Executive Board Meeting, Present: Dr. Ruth Ayers-Given, John Lyman, Adrian Paradis, Dwight Taylor.

Discussion:

- Conditions under which it would be necessary to order a second printing
- The Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30pm, at the Town Hall on July 17th; with speakers Niels Nielsen and Arthur F. March, Jr. Light refreshments will be served

- Election of officers will be held prior to the Annual Meeting at 7pm
- A statement of purpose and an application for membership will be given to guests when they arrive for the presentations
- Amy Bahr, librarian of the Abbie Greenleaf Library will make space in the library for two exhibit cases for historic items