

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm
2. Present were David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Mary Ann Kasprzak, Selectman, Wendy Harrington, member and Mary Ann Hill, guest. Absent: Georgianna Swain.
3. D. French introduced Mary Ann Hill who spoke about the Farm and Forest Workshop on Old Barns, their age determination and preservation funding.
4. The Goss Barn in Rye is on the state historical register, with 10 acres of land in conservation. They have received a grant from USDA (Farm & Ranchland) & Resource Protection (NRCS) to purchase land in 2009 for 1.3M. In order to qualify, you have to produce or sell \$1000 gross.
5. They received a grant to eradicate invasive species and a \$25K grant from NH Moose Plate to restore the barn since on the state register. There is also a \$500 grant from the Preservation Alliance for barn surveying.
6. The Dimond Farm in the Concord area has 78 acres with a conservation easement.
7. A brick house in Cornish, NH has been in the same family for 300 years. The property is rented out for wedding receptions under a tent, hosts a farmer's market, classes in agriculture with hoop houses. The property has 153 acres and the group wants money to become a teaching farm similar to the entity on the Cape.
8. The Battles Farm in Bradford was another property
9. Flag Hill Winery in Lee has land under a conservation easement that restricts building and keeps some features of the house and barn. They received some LCHIP funds.
10. We/David should contact Maggie Steirs at the Preservation Alliance regarding stewardship of the Merrill property. Would there be an advantage or disadvantage to keeping the school district as the owner of the property?
11. We should also ask Chuck Graham, invite him to our meeting, to ask his take on this line of pursuit regarding the school owning the property.
12. Question for Eric or our Insurance Provider...is a wine and cheese tasting party allowed at the Historical Society with special one day rider? If yes, that could be a fundraiser or way to promote the Merrill restoration.
13. Tercentenary Committee: The co-chairs determined that it is too early to look for funds. We should raise the amount in the warrant article next year to \$2000.
14. Minutes: M. Kasprzak motioned to accept with D. French seconding and all voted in favor.
15. Treasurer's Report: No information from Liz Riordan, so about the same amount.
16. Review Deliberative Session: H. C. warrant article passed for \$1300 (\$300 for OEP meeting attendance).
17. W. Harrington reported facebook hits of 11. In December, 30 people, which is similar to the Library's report. The HF PD and FD have more hits.
18. Should be a link from Town website to our facebook account.
19. Suggestion: Take a video of not well known places in HF and see if people can guess the location. Offer a prize or recognition? Or video of places every one should know and ask for identification.
20. The old stuff in the town hall Attic was sorted and the treasures were delivered to the HS.
21. D. French met Lillian Walker of the Cemetery Trustees and accepted their old cemetery records and minutes dating to 1867 for the Historical Society. Wesley Powell has a lot, although according to his widow, he's not buried there.
22. Next meeting will be March 5th.
23. A motion to adjourn was heard at 8:20 pm by M. Kasprzak, seconded by W. Harrington and all agreed.
24. We invited Mary Ann Hill to come again.

25. Respectfully submitted by Beverly Mutrie, Secretary.