

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2012

1. Present were David French, chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Wendy Harrington, and Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman. Absent: Georgiana Swain. Guests were Cynthia Wojcicki, Tracy Beattie, Ann Lane, Todd Santora and Ron Augusti from the FOMP ad-hoc committee.
2. The minutes from April 2012 and October were approved with minor changes to spelling upon a motion by David French, seconded by W. Harrington and all agreed.
3. Our treasury balance was \$2052.18.
4. We joined with the FOMP to discuss latest developments and suggestions for the stabilization of the Merrill buildings on Kensington Road.
5. Ron Augusti has given the School Board a written proposal to demold the Merrill house for free. He could/will also take on the barn if needed. He strongly advised saving \$1000 and letting him foam the house's leaky roof. Ron left at 7:17 pm.
6. B. Mutrie reported that the dumpster bag from Home Depot would cost about \$200 and hold 3 cu. yds. For two bags at one time, the second bag is approx. \$170
7. Liz Premo will contact D. French when she can.]
8. M. Kasprzak will try Terri Knowles from NH Charitable Trust office again.
9. D. French reported that Primex Insurance has declined to cover the stabilization of the buildings. D. French gave Bill Hickey more arguments to keep buildings from further diminution of value. He will ask the School Board Thurs. night.
10. D. French will ask Eric Small re wording/formatting of the two proposed Warrant Articles which are due by Dec. 12. If the School Board proposes their own warrant article for repairs and stabilization, then we will forgo ours but may proceed with the Capital Reserve Account warrant article.
11. Arron Sturgis has given a verbal quote for shoring up the barn and adding membranes to both roofs for \$5000. If the School Board doesn't have the \$4000 for the barn, then the committee should proceed with fundraising. We need a written quote.
12. The NH Preservation Alliance has toured the site and recommends Arron's plan for stabilization. The FOMP has applied for a grant for a barn survey. The NH Preservation Alliance also stated that the house and barn are eligible for NH's Historic Register and could be in an Historic District of its own. A Preservation Easement is also possible.
13. Anne Lane suggests that the School might have to do an RFP for repairs to the buildings.
14. Plan of Action:
 - a. C. Wojcicki will draw up a presentation to the School Board Thurs night at 6 pm.
 - b. Ask School Board for permission to work on buildings.
 - c. Ask School Board for Stabilization money, \$4K for barn
 - d. D. French to ask about any further response from the Primex Insurance
 - e. Tracy will get Arron's quote to the School Board (?)
 - f. Tracy will supervise the removal of bittersweet, trees and shrubs at Merrill Property Dec. 8 with the school
 - g. Tracy will email Wendy the history of the house for the website (SaveMerrill.com), also any pictures.
 - h. Wendy will ask her son/husband for roofer recommendations.
15. Todd reported that the FIC is waiting to hear from the Fire Chief about the access around the buildings and perhaps the access road to Glenwood or Rt. 84.
16. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm upon a motion by M. Kasprzak, seconded by W. Harrington with all agreeing.
17. Beverly Mutrie, Secretary.