

**Hampton Falls Heritage Commission**  
**Final Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 2016**

Members present: Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary, Ann Haggart Commissioner, David French Commissioner . Absent: Larry Smith ex officio Commissioner

Presenters: Maggie Stier, NH Preservation Alliance; Nadine Petersen Miller and Amy Dixon, NH Div. of Historic Resources.

Guests and workshop registrants:

Center Harbor Heritage Commission: Dave Reilly  
Exeter Heritage Commission: Pam Gjettum  
Laconia Heritage Commission: Mary Ellen Broudman, Dorothy Duffy  
Manchester Heritage Commission: Michael Duffy, Pat Howard  
N. Hampton Heritage Commission: Donna Etela, Vicki Jones  
Stratham Heritage Commission: Stuart Wallace, Flossie Wiggin  
Rye Heritage Commission: Mae Bradshaw, James Tegeder  
Raymond Heritage Commission: Robert Brouder  
H. F. Tricentennial Committee: Judy Wilson, Donna Onaki

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM by B. Mutrie

B. Mutrie welcomed all the other Heritage Commissions and introduced the first presenter in this workshop, Maggie Stier. M. Mutrie reported that Maggie will be leaving her position at the Preservation Alliance this month. She said we are all sorry to hear this but wish Maggie well in her new preservation related job.

Maggie had everyone introduce themselves giving their name, town and commission/society they represented. She then announced two events coming up in October of interest to Heritage Commissions: (see handouts)

- October 15 will be a workshop on the section 106 review process for Rye, N Hampton and Stratham.
- October 28 will be a symposium celebrating 50 years of historic preservation in NH from 9-4 in Concord.

Maggie then gave an excellent presentation on Heritage Commissions, Historic Districts (two kinds), and Neighborhood Heritage Districts. She described the formation/organization process of each, the responsibilities, duties, and interactions with other government entities. She stressed the differences between the different entities stating that many people think that they are all the same thing just because they have something to do with the old historic or cultural assets in the town. We need to understand these differences ourselves and educate people in our respective towns on the strengths, differences and benefits of each. There are too many misconceptions about these organizations.

There were 93 Heritage Commissions or Historic Districts in NH as of 2006. There are 55 Heritage Commissions alone as of 2016. Establishing a historic district will enable us to apply for Certified Local Governments status, which in turn will give us access to grant money. This would apply to the entire municipality not just the District. There are 21 Certified Local Governments (CLG) in NH of which only 5 are actively going for grants at this time.

Priorities for Heritage Commissions are:

1. Survey and inventory of historic resources, education, preservation, and planning.
2. Archeological drawings and photographs
3. "Bricks and Mortar" – try to repair, then try to replace in kind.

Nadine Miller and Amy Miller presented a slide show of fascinating case studies of preservation sites throughout the state including the Concord Gas Holder (last one in the country), Newichawannock Canal, water powered mills and dams, and Great Falls Manufacturing Co. to name a few.

A lively question and answer session followed the presentations.

Refreshments were served.

**Next meeting on September 11 at 1:00 PM**

Motion to adjourn by A. Haggart, Second by B. Mutrie. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary