

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Notes/Minutes, October 9, 2017

Present: Beverly Mutrie, Chair, David French, Vice Chair, Richard McDermott, Selectman and Mary Ann Hill, Secretary. The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm.

The draft minutes from the meeting on 9/11/17 were approved with two grammar/spelling changes, "schizt" becomes "schist" and "may to a raffle" becomes "may do a raffle".

The amended minutes were approved by a motion from Richard McDermott, seconded by David French and all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$3201.79.

Beverly reported that the Historic Millstone at the corner of Sanborn and King, is more correctly identified as an historic well cap. Richard mentioned that the well stone is like a "flat tire." There is a website "Stonestructures.org" that identifies the difference. The HC will provide a bronze plaque to place on the stone. We will contact Roger Syphers or Louis Elias about how to attach it to the stone. Bev will research the cost and contact Michelle Lozuaway re approval of proposed text as follows:

Well Cap Stone
Placed here 2016
After c. 100 years on
S.E. corner King/Sanborn Roads.

David updated us on the 300th celebration status. They are interested in raising money for a "big bash" in 2022- Will be buying polo shirts with 300 logo over heart to sell. Horse show/exhibition still being contemplated; antique car ride auction; a fair with Ferris Wheel at Applecrest; Christmas Pewter ornaments in a series, etc. They will meet tomorrow at 1:15 pm. Raising funds for a big parade in 2022. In the past, Memorial Day and Old Home Days, the town had parades made up of local people, without huge costs. Richard requested that we be sent a copy of their minutes.

The Heritage Commission once it gets it's overlay map done by RPC. It will involve a lot of research and quite a bit of work due to extensive historic properties in town. It would be put on the web and we should be able to provide docents for a trolley tour based on the information. Richard will investigate the Hampton Rotary contacts. Paul LePere, re the Trolley. The HC would also like to identify historic monuments around town to put on the map and perhaps add a historic marker sign. David would like a draft to be done so we can review the map. We need to start doing more homework on those. We are not sure how many people are interested in learning about our history due to elders moving out. Should we invest so much (dollar wise) in our history? The third grade at LAS comes to the schoolhouse, but how much do they absorb....need civics classes.

Re: proposal for local historic district draft ordinance to the Planning Board. Beverly went to the Sept. 26 Planning Board meeting and handed out a couple of informative pieces. The Board had previously read the ordinance and as a whole was not interested in having a LHD, even if it would save the town money. They were afraid it would get expanded, would bring down property values and cause angst among the neighbors. Shawn Hanson was the only member that wanted more info and would consider it again. Charlyn mentioned

that the town does not have to abide by any Planning Board ordinance. The Preservation Alliance agreed unless the town opts in to abide by the ordinance. Glen Coppelman from RPC told the board that E. Kingston has one and it was granted \$15,000 as a grant/match to draft the Historic Resources/Preservation Master Plan chapter. Even this did not make a difference to the Board.

We discussed what our next step would be. Beverly would like to wait until spring and then perhaps ask Nadine Peterson to come talk to the new Selectboard, maybe joint with BOS, PB and the HC about the advantages of an historic district. We may have a new Selectman then and their input could be different, as well as the Planning Board. Beverly would like the Selectmen's support when we propose the next ordinance.

We discussed the proposed meeting time in November, which will be the second Monday, Nov. 6 th. We decided, upon a motion by D. French, seconded by R. McDermott and the others approval to change the meeting time back to 1 pm. Beverly will tell the town's Secretary and re-post the next meeting.

We adjourned at 8:05 pm upon a motion by D. French, seconded by R. McDermott.

Mary Ann Hill, Secretary