

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2017

Members present: Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary, Ann Haggart Commissioner, David French Commissioner.

Absent: Larry Smith ex officio Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by B. Mutrie

Treasurer's report: Balance in the HC account was \$3147.14 as of 12/31 (interest of 1.31 added) plus \$2,000 from the 2016 warrant article.

Review meeting minutes from December 5:

- D. French moved to accept these as amended, A. Haggart seconded. All in favor.

Discussion of establishing a Local Historic District to qualify to become a Certified Local Government (CLG)

- a. B. Mutrie had drafted a letter to the Selectmen to get their approval to begin the process to establish the historic district. This will be discussed at the Select Board's meeting on Jan. 18. D. French, B. Mutrie and M. Hill will attend.
- b. The Master Plan from 2003 supports the formation of a Historic District. The Town owns the two buildings being proposed for this district, and they are on the State Register of Historic Places.
- c. B. Mutrie will recommend the formation of the Historic District to the selectmen.
- d. The Heritage Commission can take on the role of managing the Historic District so won't need a separate supervisory Commission.
- e. The suggestion was made that the town should hire a professional preservationist to assess the town's historic properties. The TIC has good intentions but not enough knowledge to make sound judgements re the older buildings.

Goals/Action Items Updates:

- a. Millstone at corner of Sanborn and River Rd.- Stone has not been replaced as agreed upon. Some Sanborn relatives have expressed concern about this.
- b. 300th Status report by A. Haggart:
 - i. The survey of Historic Resources is ready for review. Still need info on foundations though.
 - ii. Have an old map of town from 1867 with names of owners. Would like to get a second map to mark up for the trolley tour: houses/mills/cemeteries/farms/ depots. Research google earth, video, then & now photos. See what the RPC has.
 - iii. Funding for the trolley tour is a project in itself. Maybe a three-way endeavor by Heritage Comm, Historical Soc. and LAS could be done. Last trolley tour was done in 1996
 - iv. Document legacy of places up to a certain point in time.
 - v. House markers. Source in Exeter. Options: plastic vs MDF. Vinyl numbers vs hand painted.
- c. Elm Trees: No report
- d. Archeological Dig: State Archeologist doesn't want people digging up indian camp sites and burial grounds so won't give out locations.
- e. B. Mutrie distributed information on NH State Highway historical marker applications.
- f. A. Haggart asked about cemeteries and the cemetery committee. Wants to know what the committee could do for the 300th: GPS for the graves, rubbings, a photo presentation? D. French has photos of graves and the 1726 sarcophagus for Theo. Cotton. He gives tours for fourth graders.
- g. Still looking for alternates. Have a few possibilities.

Motion to adjourn by B. Mutrie, seconded by D. French. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33

Next meeting to be on February 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary