

**Hampton Falls Heritage Commission**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**February 6, 2017**

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

Absent: Larry Smith ex officio Commissioner, Ann Haggart Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 1:27 PM by B. Mutrie

Treasurer's report: Balance in the HC account was \$3149.01 as of 1/31 (interest of 1.87 added)

Review meeting minutes from January 16, 2017

- B. Mutrie moved to accept these as amended, D. French 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. Don't want to thwart efforts to fix the doors on Town Hall. Replace the original columns on old Library. Four were removed and not replaced. Work with TIC
- f. Will review the 2006 article for the historic district and amend it for the Town Hall and Old library only. Make it simple and non-threatening. Re-meet Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (MON) before the BOS Mar 1 meeting.
- g. Elizabeth Malone upped the dollar amount on the warrant article for the Heritage Commission from \$2,000 to \$3,000 to fund the survey and other duties of the Commission per RSA 674:44-b at town meet.

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. What's taking so long?
- b. 300<sup>th</sup> Status report by A. Haggart:
  - i. The survey of Historic Resources is ready for review. Still need info on house 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. Talked to RPC's Robert Pruyne 658-0520. \$65/hr
  - 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 all historic places up to a certain point in time.
  - v. House markers. Source in Exeter. Options: plastic vs MDF. Vinyl numbers vs hand painted.
  - vi. Sponsorship from Pannera, IHOP, Newburyport Bank, Hannafords, Norma Merrill possibilities.
- 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. Talk to members of all committes
- g. Still looking for alternates. Have a few possibilities.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:20

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary