

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017

Members present: Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary, David French Commissioner.
Absent: Larry Smith ex officio Commissioner, Ann Haggart deceased. How to fill Ann's shoes?

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by B. Mutrie

Treasurer's report: Balance in the HC account was \$3150.78 as of 2/28 (interest of 1.77 added)

Review meeting minutes from February 6, 2017. None to review.

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

- a. 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 April 5th at 6:30. D. French, B. Mutrie and M. Hill will attend.
- b. Discussion re maintenance of the two buildings and interaction with TIC. Concerns.
- 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 want the older buildings. Don't want to thwart efforts to fix the doors on Town Hall. Do replace the original columns on old Library. Four were removed and not replaced. Work with TIC
- f. The 2006 article for the historic district was reviewed and amended for the Town Hall and Old library only. Make it simple and non-threatening. Re-meet March 20th (MON) at 1:00 to rereview the changes discussed today before the BOS April 5th meeting.

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. 300th Status report by D. French:
 - i. The survey of Historic Resources has been reviewed in part. Still need info on house foundations though. Also need bridges, mills, cemeteries, etc.
 - 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.
 - vii. 300th needs a chair or co-chairs
- c. Elm Trees: No report
- d. Archeological Dig : at D. Frenches or B Mutries at Ann's request?
- e. Historical society has been visited by archeologist Mark Greenly, Collections Committee Chair for the NH Archeological Society to look at our rocks and arrow or spear heads
- f. Still looking for alternates. Have a few possibilities.
- g. A motion was made to change the meeting time to 7:00 so we can recruit people who have day jobs

Motion to adjourn by D. French, seconded by M. Hill. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50

Next meeting to be on April 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary