

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes November 13, 2017

The meeting commenced at 1:10 pm. Present were Beverly Mutrie, Chair, David French, Vice-Chair, and Richard McDermott, Selectman and Commissioner. Mary Ann Hill, Commissioner and Secretary, absent. Phill Chura, recently appointed Commissioner, arrived at 1:35 pm.

We decided to change the meeting time to **2:30 pm on the second Monday** due to Phil's long-standing commitment. Minutes from October were approved with minor grammatical changes upon a motion by David French, seconded by Richard McDermott and all agreed. Treasurer's Balance: \$3204 and change.

Old Business:

Well Cap Stone plaque will be put on hold per Michelle Lozuaway's preference. We will continue to monitor it and keep track of its location. We agree to spend up to \$300 in donations for a bronze plaque, installation and shipping.

Tercentenary Activities: Priority would be a RPC overlay map of all the historic homes and markers in Town. Richard will check with Tim Roche, head of RPC on pricing of an overlay map. Phil offered to help with doing a drone fly-over for aerial pictures of some of the more important historic houses in town. Phil can print in color up to 44" wide. Beverly showed Phil our survey data to date. He will try to get info on Ferriera's house. Phil will contact Wendy Harrington (IT mgr at Berwick Academy) and former commissioner re our website and posting information on it. Phil and David offered to go visit historic homeowners, ask permission to fly a drone and obtain data for the survey form. There is a shortened version of the survey on our website, Hamptonfallsheritage.org., (GPS coordinates, measurements etc)

Phil has some good ideas re the 300th. David will contact him re attending their meetings. Richard suggests that a timetable be promulgated so that we can plan 300th activities starting in January.

The Trolley tour is also worth doing. Phil suggested producing a video tour instead. This would be less costly, but would need a script, and could be viewed at anytime and available to a wider audience. Maybe both should be done. Once the survey of Historic Buildings is done, then this gives info for the script. Abby Tonry and Gayle Szydlo were mentioned as docents.

We will attempt to find the Warren Brown Stone at the corner of Brown and Old Stage Roads. Pictures should be taken of our historic monuments, objects and sites to be put on our survey at the very least. At some point in the future, markers could be placed.

David informed Phil about the attempt to have a Local Historic District of the two town buildings with the ultimate goal of becoming an LGC and tapping into federal funds. The Planning Board was scared of a Historic District expanding and becoming too onerous regarding regulations. We will consider our alternatives and perhaps propose it again next year.

Phil posed the question....does anyone know whether Great Hill had a hospital on it at one time? Beverly will research. Richard will call Lois Parker and ask her about the Tilton house's underground railroad system for our survey.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm upon a motion by D. French, seconded by Phil Chura. All in agreement.
Beverly Mutrie, Chair and Acting Secretary