

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission  
Draft Meeting Minutes February 8, 2019

The meeting commenced at 2:05 pm. Present were Beverly Mutrie, Chair, David French, Vice-Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Phil Chura and Jim Ziolkowski, Selectman.

A motion was heard to approve the minutes from January with two minor corrections by David French, seconded by Mary Ann Hill and all except Jim Ziolkowski voted in the affirmative. Our Heritage Fund Jan 31 Statement balance was \$7697.01 which included \$14.70 of interest and a budget transfer of \$688.

A motion to pay Phil \$20 for the cleanup and scan of an Applecrest photo from early 1900s was made by D. French, seconded by M. Hill and all agreed.

D. French would like to see a survey done of our Big Trees in Town. We suggested that the 300th might ask townspeople to contact them regarding their large trees. Mary Ann and David might have state champions.

**Old Business:** Beverly stated that she had been working on the formatting of the Historical Resource guidebook. We hope to be able to put MA Hill's house (Joseph Cram c. 1835) on the State Historic Register. No estimate of cost as yet. Beverly will research Shirley Gustafson's obit (?) as she used her house as a tax office. Beverly handed out a two page list of topics for the new Town History for Colin Garcia to use as guidelines. Perhaps there are more topics to add-- Elton Orchard, Casino, Agway businesses.

Jim volunteered to contact Michelle Lozuaway and ask in passing about the well-cap stone and when we could place a bronze plaque on it. Phil mentioned that Crank Road's very small house on the hill was a tavern/watering hole due to the spring. We are still researching the two memorial bridges in town by asking the VFW post 35 (Pam Fitzgerald) to find out more information re locations.

Additional home occupations in town: add boat building, animal care, decorator business, doctor's office, photography studio, book publishers and probably more.

Jim explained the proposed expendable trust fund for flexible town building maintenance. We hope that an accounting could be kept of expenditures from the original transferred warrant article funds. We realized that a committee would have to be familiar with all buildings in order to set priority for expenditures.

Mary Ann discussed her research on historic house plaques/markers. She got a quote from Timberline Sign in N. Hampton, Freeman in Maine, and Adele Signs in western NH. The pricing varied based on whether the sign was just painted, carved and painted or carved and gold leafed. A painted sign sized 12"x18" was \$120, a painted and carved sign was \$225, and gold leaf was more. Timberline would do vinyl letters for \$55, and a painted sign from \$95-110. Phil suggested Superior signs in Seabrook. The weather proof material was Etira...a wood fiber wax and zinc borate product. Could the Boy Scouts make the signs and paint them white, and then we would take them to a painter? There are a couple of woodworkers in town also. More information needed.

David stated that his assignment to ask his neighbors about a Neighborhood Historic District was a non-starter as he will be moving within two years and would like to be able to sell his house without encumbrances, except for perhaps a easement on his side yard. Is it a separate lot?

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm upon a motion by David French and Phil Chura at 3:15 pm.

Next meeting **Monday, March 11** at 2 pm.

Beverly Mutrie, recording secretary