Hampton Fall Heritage Commission Special Meeting April 3rd, 2019 Draft Minutes

The Commission members, consisting of Beverly Mutrie, Chair, David French, Vice-Chair, Mary Ann Hill and Phil Chura met at 1:30 pm at 86 Drinkwater Road aka "Blue Chip Farm" to meet with the owner's contractor, Alan Gay of Old School Renovations in Brentwood. The owners, Lisa and John Fredette, are asking for a permit to demolish the 30.5'x 20.5' with an additional shed overhang of 9.75' on the back of the long side, 1.5 story building attached to the front left corner of the big horse barn. The cellar of the building has three garage bays.

The Commission inspected the building. The building is a wood post and beam framed structure, wood clapboarded, asphalt roofed structure, with a granite wall original foundation (about 7' high) except for the south gable end which was cement block. It has a one-car garage door facing the driveway to the north on the first floor. Part of the building is attached to the south front side of the large horse barn as an ell. There were remnants of a wood stove, flake board sheathing under the roof, newish pine half walls and floor inside. The interior's two tie beams were cut and replaced with new lumber higher up for headroom. Some of the plates were large hand-hewn beams. We estimate that the building was rehabbed in the last 50-60 years for a meeting space/party room. Several of the roof rafters have cracked. There is damage to one of the rafters so the sheathing has caved in allowing water to rot the eaves and part of the sidewall on the back side near the barn.

In general there are heavy timbers/posts and some original windows that should be reclaimed and reused if at all possible. Pictures were taken of the inside and the outside of the barn for our old house and barn survey database.

David French made a motion to agree with the request for demolition, Mary Ann Hill seconded and all voted in the affirmative. Beverly will contact our Building Inspector.

The meeting ended at 2:15 pm. Beverly Mutrie, Chair and Secretary