

Hampton Heritage Commission

February 17, 2008 Heritage Conference
Room (Old) Town Office

Commissioners Present:

Guests/Commissioners Absent:

Jenifer Landman, Chair Emily Creighton, Selectwoman Jane Palmer, Alternate
Carolyn Brooks, Treasurer Penny Holbert, Secretary Jane Currivan, Vice-Chair

Guests: Paul Cuetara, Commissioner Shirley Carter, Conservation Commission
Ben King, Alternate Samantha Thayer, Winnacunnet H.S. Student

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

A. Wildlife-Habitat Assessment Conservation Properties The Fuller Foundation provided a grant to the Conservation Commission to generate a report with maps, pictures, and narrative on the animals and invasive plants of specific areas of North Hampton. The locations studied included the following farms: Dustin, Leavitt, Lamprey Homestead, Seavey, Marston, Booker, Palmer, Pagetown, Forest Hill, and Garland. Students from the wildlife ecology program at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH conducted the study.

B. Farm Project Samantha Thayer announced Colin Gagnon and she were preparing an essay on the location, family contacts, wildlife, value, and history the land, according to guidelines prepared by Chris Ganotis, Conservation Commission. This would include farming, animals, and cattle paths on the Leavitt Farm. Suggestions for reference material included the New Hampshire room at the North Hampton Library, old Town Annual reports, and the Historical Society. Colin is also doing a hiking trail project on the Dustin/Booker parcels as an Eagle Scout project.

C. Historical Society Display The Historical Society's mini-museum, located in the Heritage Room at the (Old) Town Office, is now displaying artifacts in two cases and also includes an old wooden barrel. More exhibits will be added in the remaining leased space, behind the cases.

D. Memorial Bridges Brochure

- (1) *Content:* Jane Palmer provided additional information about John W. F. Hobbs, brother to Harold Hobbs and half-brother to Paul W. Hobbs.
- (2) *Format:* The brochure will be printed on legal-size paper.

E. Town Annual Report Jenifer Landman presented for review and approval of the Commission a summary of the Heritage Commission achievements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Penny

summary as submitted; Jane Palmer seconded the
oved.

F. Legislation to strengthen penalty for theft of stone walls State Representative Judy Day has requested a letter from the Heritage Commission, supporting changes to be made to state law regarding strengthening the penalty for theft of stone walls. Jenny Landman drafted the letter, referring to the importance to the community, interest to tourism, and the historical value of the stone walls as marking property divisions. Jane Palmer made a motion to accept the letter as written, which was seconded by Penny Holbert, and unanimously approved.

G. Town Hall Restoration Jane Palmer, a member of the Town Hall Restoration Committee, stated that Red Mabey and Committee issued a RFP #1-2009 Legal Notice for the Bell Tower Restoration.

H. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report Both agenda items were not addressed at this meeting.

I. Next Meeting The next meeting for the Heritage Commission was scheduled for the third Thursday of February, which is February 21, 2008.

J. Meeting Adjourned Penny Holbert mad a motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m., which was seconded by Jane Palmer and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Holbert, Secretary