

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Final Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2023

The meeting commenced in the Conservation Room at 9:05 with Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Phil Chura and Mary Ann Hill, Commissioners, present. Lou Gargiulo, Selectman and Commissioner was absent.

We will postpone approving the May minutes.

As of June 30, Heritage 2023 budget has a balance of \$650 and the Heritage Fund's balance is \$8543.45.

Beverly will ask Abby Tonry for any updates or corrections to the survey booklet. Houses over 75 years old should be added to the survey as every year passes. Consequently, ever increasing 'historic' homes. Beverly has asked Rachel, Admin Assistant/Secretary to post several documents on our Heritage webpage. She responded that our Town Newsletter submission could also be linked from there. We decided that putting just the whole article on the webpage was acceptable. Beverly will try to write informative newsletter articles with references or links to resources and /or experts.

The Demolition specific Permit Form that Beverly redesigned has been submitted to the Building Inspector and the Town Secretary. Nothing further has been heard and therefore needs resolution. See Section 4 of the HF Building Code for the Demolition Delay Ordinance. (on the town website under Regulations).

Beverly sent Matt Halvorsen of 27 Kensington Road (owner of the Gov. Powell House) a letter recommending the Gov. Powell property for inclusion in the State Historic Register and asking if he wanted help to do so. No response so far.

Lou is still interested in having a poll/survey taken of what the town would like to see happen before the possible Route 1 sewer is installed. Perhaps this is a matter for the Planning Board to discuss. We discussed what the Heritage Commission could do to give the Planning Board's Ordinance and Regulations Committee some input re Architectural Guidelines needed for renovating historic buildings, especially those in the Town Common District. The Commission will ask to meet with the Ords and Regs Committee as soon as possible, perhaps the July meeting.

Tracy Beattie-Healey asked if just a single house could be preserved with some regulation and oversight. She referenced the Lt. Joseph Sanborn house at Sanborn Corners that is up for sale. It is believed that the only way would be for the owner to preserve it would be to put a preservation easement on the deed to keep future owners from tearing down the house. It is a concern to the Commission and to all old house owners that want to see their buildings' exteriors and the town's various streetscapes remain historically static.

Phil will give Beverly a Flash Drive of his photos of Main Street 2023.

The Governor Weare Carriage Barn's renovation to a workshop is underway. Matt and Ann Hill have moved into the house and they seem to be good stewards of the property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am upon a motion by Phil, seconded by Mary Ann and Beverly said Aye.
Beverly Mutrie, Chair/Secretary