

**Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes March 6, 2012**

1. Present: David French, Chair, Mary Ann Kasprzak, Selectwoman, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Wendy Harrington, with Georgianna Swain arriving about 7 pm. Also attending was Robin Ratigan, chair of the Hampton Falls School Board and Chuck Graham, Selectman.
2. The meeting was called to order by Chair, David French at 6:46 pm.
3. The Heritage Commission would like to be involved with the Stewardship of the Merrill buildings to benefit both the town and the school. The property and wetland survey will be presented on Thursday night. At issue is the need for an access driveway from the School to Route 84. Options for the property would be to keep both house and barn, rent them or remove the barn for access road and sell the house with some land. Since the school does not seem to want to use their funds to maintain the barn, the Heritage Commission would like to try to find grants or volunteers for repairs to the barn's roof as that is in dire need of attention. There still are impact funds available from the town, although they can't be used for anything except expansion of the school. The barn is available to be taken down anytime, but the School Board would also like the foundation to be restored which is a stumbling block. The School Board would help us by authorizing a grant application. A suggestion was to talk to Dylan Smith re all available uses for the Rt 84 section of the property given the wetlands issues. We thanked Robin and Chuck for their attendance at 7:40 pm.
4. A general discussion of people who could give oral histories about the town for the Tercentenary Committee. Suggestions for a general roundtable at the Library in May were: Myrtle Ayles Woodward, Betty Merrill, Bob Woodes, Shirley Gustafson, Esther Janvrin, Tracy Beattie, George Merrill, Georgianna Swain, Bobbi Sliva, Bob Perkins, Donald Milbury and Gayle Szydlo, etc. The chosen elders/long time residents would be taped and used as voice overs for a town video.
5. What happened to the audio of the school children singing Christmas Carols that used to be played over the loudspeakers from the Baptist Church at Christmas time?
6. The minutes from February were accepted with a change of spelling on the word, Steir, upon a motion by M. Kasprzak, seconded by B. Mutrie and all agreed.
7. The Heritage Fund has \$2132.58 according to the town report. D. French was unable to get a report from Liz Riordan.
8. D. French will renew the domain and web hosting services for at least two years upon a motion by W. Harrington, seconded by M. Kasprzak and all were in favor.
9. W. Harrington stated that yes, we can put a video on the website. D. French suggested that we look at the Rhode Island video for ideas.
10. D. French stated that the items from the Town Hall attic need to be freeze dried. Some of the old veteran's applications can be put in sleeves and given back to the original owners or heirs.

11. B. Mutrie suggested that we do a mailing to individual homeowners after we have filled in all we know about their house and ask them to make changes on a copy and mail back to us. Suggestion were to do at least three houses next month...including Kim Phil's, Beverly Woodward's and perhaps either, Mary Ann Kasprzak's, Bev Mutrie's or Tom Kennedy's.
12. G. Swain, Cemetery Warden, was informed about a request from George Harvey to clean three First Congregational Church's ministers' graves.
13. In order to do the surveys together online, we would like to meet at the town Library to use the computers...perhaps our regular meeting night or the 2nd Wednesday. D. French will arrange the time and place. He will also check with the town for access to their wi-fi hotspot.
14. A motion to adjourn was heard at 8:45 pm by M. Kasprzak, seconded by G. Swain and all agreed.
15. Respectfully submitted, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary.