

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by D. French, Chair at 6:55 pm. In attendance were Mary Ann Kasprzak, Selectwoman and Beverly Mutrie, Secretary. Absent were Georgianna Swain and Wendy Harrington.
2. A quorum was in existence, therefore the minutes of June 4 were approved with one correction upon a motion by M. Kasprzak, seconded by D. French with all agreeing.
3. D. French reported on the Treasury which holds \$2051.03 at the current time.
4. Projects: We had an email from the owner, Cammi Wagner, of the Elton Orchard House. She is interested in its history and B. Mutrie provided information that stated it was the John N. Sanborn farm prior to Elton Orchard. D. French will follow up with her regarding a Heritage Plaque.
5. CIP program needs completion by August 27. D. French will fill out the paperwork and get bids for the repair of the Museum's siding and repainting the trim. The Historical Society, renters of the building, should act as the town's agents and provide information to the CIP committee on the need for exterior repairs. The Town Improvement Committee is working on the Town Hall and they may have some input. A motion for the Heritage Commission to support the Historical Society's request for repairs/improvements to the exterior of the Museum (built in 1835) to the same level as the Town Hall was heard from D. French, seconded by M. Kasprzak and all agreed.
6. Merrill Property: We tossed ideas around for what could we do to help the Merrill barn and house from further deterioration or removal. The School Board does not want to spend their funds to maintain the building. We thought that a "Friends of the Merrill Property" group might be able to take charge, fundraise, and/or suggest ways to find a compromise. D. French will take a picture and put an article in the Town Newsletter under its own header inviting people to meet and brainstorm at the Museum.
7. B. Mutrie asked the question, if the heater in the Museum dies and needs replacing, who is responsible, the landlord or the lessor? M. Kasprzak suggested we contact Eric Small before he leaves so that he can get a ruling from the Selectmen.
8. A motion to adjourn was heard at 7:50 pm from M. Kasprzak and seconded by B. Mutrie with all in favor.
9. Respectfully submitted, Beverly Mutrie, recording secretary