

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2013

1. Present: David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Wendy Harrington, Georgiana Swain, Mary Ann Kasprzak, Selectwoman and Todd Santora, Guest.
2. The meeting commenced at 6:52 pm.
3. The Town Treasurer's report indicated that we have \$3252.51 in our fund as of Feb. 28.
4. The Minutes from February's meeting were reviewed and approved upon a motion by D. French, seconded by M. Kasprzak with all agreeing.
5. We discussed the Merrill House Stabilization project. The two warrant articles for funds did not pass and the School Board has stated that they can't accept any funds due to the March vote. Isn't there an RSA that requires them to maintain physical property owned by the district?
6. The Inter-municipal agreement would perhaps allow the School Board to lease the buildings to the town for a limited time so the Selectboard would be able to fund or seek funding of the necessary maintenance so that the existing ad valorem value would be preserved and allow for future uses
7. How can we help them sell the property so it can be restored with private funds? W. Harrington suggested that we and the FOMP draft a new mission statement based on the vote with new action items. The FOMP will try to help the School Board find an acceptable solution. A media campaign may help
8. How can the property be subdivided efficiently to sell buildings and enough usable land? It will take time to raise funds and also reach decision of how to subdivide. We only have 9 months until the next winter season.
9. D. French will attempt a draft of the position of the Heritage Commission in regards to the Merrill buildings. In the future, the buildings will be called the Tilton-Elkins-Merrill property.. A copy of any letters to the School Board should be sent to the BOS.
10. May 4th is a joint meeting of the Seacoast Heritage Commissions. All invited to attend. Lunch is available for \$7. Go to the North Hampton HC website and sign up by April 22.
11. The Heritage Commission is still awaiting a survey report from Arron Sturgis.,
12. Our next Heritage Meeting will be May 4th.
13. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm upon a motion by M. Kasprzak and seconded by W. Harrington.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary