

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2013

Present: David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary and Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman. Guests were, Tracy Beattie, Don Janik, Todd Santora and Cindy Wojcicki from the Friends of the Tilton-Elkins Merrill Property.

1. The meeting commenced at 6:52 pm. The meeting minutes from April were approved with the change of date in the last sentence to May 6th upon a motion by B. Mutrie, seconded by D. French and M. Kasprzak agreed. The Treasurer's report was unavailable.
2. The two Heritage members that attended the North Hampton Heritage Commission's roundtable for Seacoast Heritage Commissions, namely B. Mutrie and D. French, reported that there is progress by local Heritage Commissions being made in many various ways. Some include obtaining National Historic Register designations, doing historic resource surveys, updating the pertinent chapter of the Master Plan, passing Demolition Delay ordinances and receiving financial grants; all important to promote saving our historic treasures. As this was National Preservation Month, a letter to our legislators was drafted to support the restoration of LCHIP funding. All in all, it was felt to be a beneficial meeting and the Roundtable will be repeated in October at a Rye location.
3. The Friends of the Tilton-Elkins-Merrill Property still has not had a definite answer from the School Board as to whether they will accept donated funds for the roofs or even if they can accept funds, will they use the funds for the buildings as the warrant article's negative vote may have impaired their action.
4. There will be a meeting/retreat of the School Board on Tues. the 14th to discuss the property further. Some members of the FOMP will attend.
5. Another issue was the possibility that the barn from the TEM Property will be taken down, moved to the Dumont property and resurrected as a restaurant. That, we all agreed, would be a great solution for the building. We, together, should encourage the School Board to accept her offer, and also to proceed with subdivision of the property in order to save the house as soon as possible. There is a realtor (Jane Currivan with Caldwell Banker) who can help with solutions to market old houses.
6. The Friends of the TEMP would like the goals to be for the SB to reach a solution for the disposition of the buildings and land, to accept donations and give permission for the home to be listed on the State Register, which does not impede rehabilitation or removal.
7. Our next meeting will be June 3rd. We adjourned at 8:10 pm upon a motion by B. Mutrie and seconded by M. Kasprzak.

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary