

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014

Present were David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Mary Ann Kasprzak, Selectwoman, Wendy Harrington, Commissioner. Mary Ann Hill arrived a few minutes after the meeting began.

The meeting commenced at 6:47 pm.

Mary Ann Hill was appointed to a three year term and was sworn in.

D. French led the discussion on the plan for continuing the historic resources survey of the town. We decided to work on the building surveys of the Museum and the Town Hall first. It is important to accomplish this in a timely manner however.

Pamela Moore and her husband, Michael Woodward, were informed of the results of the research done by B. Mutrie on the history of their house at 20 Kensington Road. She is grateful for the information and will get back to us regarding wording of the plaque.

The State owned Heritage sign on the little common in front of the Tilton- Elkins - Merrill property was demolished (run over) and removed by a state highway truck. We have not been able to locate it's whereabouts. We would ask the Selectmen to contact the state DOT and use their influence to track



down the sign. The Sign commemorated Washington's visit in the 1790s (?). The flag pole was also damaged.

At the recent School Board meeting which B. Mutrie attended, the School Board had a non-public session to determine the reserve price and the date of the auction of the Tilton-Elkins-Merrill house, barn and five acres of land by Paul McInnis, Inc.

D. French has sought out timber framers and carpenters to make them aware of the property. If

there is a demolition permit, the Heritage Commission will have about 1 month to find alternative solutions at the recent Old House and Barn Expo.

Maybe blogs, facebook, NH Preservation Alliance, Aaron Sturgis and others would be able to get the word out. Our goal would be first to preserve it in situ, second to have it deconstructed and rebuilt in town (or moved) and third to have it deconstructed and moved out of town. No one would like to see it demolished.

The Treasurer's report is the same as last month's with the promised addition of \$1000 from the March positive warrant article results.

D. French made a motion to approve last month's minutes, B. Mutrie seconded and all agreed.

We should perhaps put 20 Kensington Road on our website along with MA Hill's house, built in 1835 and a Cram homestead once an abbreviated survey form is done.



We discussed the next step for the Survey form for the Town Hall and the Museum. D. French would work on question #41, B. Mutrie would try question #43. We found the tax map and parcel number.

B. Mutrie tried to find the plans of the building as the architect was Isaiah Wilson from Portsmouth and the builder was Samuel W.

Dearborn from Hampton. No luck so far. W. Harrington has researched the co-ordinates and

Mary Ann Hill has had no luck finding plans either. The hunt will continue.

Wendy reported that the Website moving to Weebly is almost done. Weebly has free hosting. We pay for the domain name only.

D. French found a document in the town hall attic (now property of the HFHS) that talks about Tilton's Mill, the Taylor River and Drinkwater Road dating from early 1700. We have questions on where this mill was exactly. More research will be done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 upon a motion by W. Harrington, seconded by D. French and all agreed. Beverly Mutrie, recording secretary.