

## Hampton Falls Heritage Commission

### Draft Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2015

The meeting convened at 6:52 pm. Present were David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Treasurer, Ann Haggart, alternate, and Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman. Wendy Harrington and MaryAnn Hill were absent. Ann Haggart was appointed as a voting member as the BOS has approved her joining the Commission and she was sworn in.

Ann Haggart pointed out that this year is the 100th anniversary of John Brown's 2nd volume of the Town History. We will mention that in the Town Newsletter.

We remembered Chris Merrill, one of the first chairs of the Heritage Commission, upon his recent and tragic passing. Our sympathies to his parents and family.

We have not received an updated Treas. Report from Liz Riordan. Could she not email the report to David? M. Kasprzak will look into this.

The minutes of May 4th were approved upon a motion by A. Haggart, seconded by D. French and all concurred.

Applications for the Museum and Town Hall to be approved for the State Historic Register were discussed and will be sent to the BOS for a signature as owner. D. French will ask Lynne Monroe about the signature page for the BOS and the process. Ann Haggart made the motion to send a letter to the BOS endorsing the submission of the applications and requesting their signature as owners of the property. B. Mutrie seconded with the others agreeing. We will await Lynne Monroe/The Preservation Co.'s invoice for her work.

B. Mutrie suggested that we should start thinking about promoting a Neighborhood Heritage District, specifically, Exeter Road from Sanborn Corners to McDevitts/Beechwood. Other areas that come to mind would be the Dodge Houses on Kensington Road and then perhaps Drinkwater Road near Tracy Beattie's.

M. Kasprzak mentioned the passing of Natalie Dreilich's brother, \_\_\_\_\_ Meyer, who grew up in a small white house around 200 Drinkwater Road from 1932 and was owned by Natalie until she died. The Halliburton's lived at the top of the hill in the Prescott house.

A. Haggart urged us and the town to pre-planning for our 300th anniversary. We brainstormed different things that could be worked on such as new road signs with a town seal or 300th dates on them. To find out what are the current plans for this event, D. French will ask Marietta and Judy to attend our next meeting. M. Kasprzak had no knowledge of the BOS's plans for recruitment of new members. D. French stated that the Tercentenary Committee was our subcommittee. We brainstormed what could be done now to encourage the town's growth toward its future "vision". The Master Plan Committee headed by Charlyn Brown is working toward this also. Perhaps a day long charette would be helpful by tapping junior high students, seniors and working residents. The town should encourage events that bring the residents together and perhaps the BOS should have some "seed" money in their budget to that end. Hopefully more brainstorming will occur by getting all town groups together at some point to think of the future beyond 2022.

We will have another worksession on the old houses survey forms on June 9th, June 11th and the 16th at 9:30 at the Town Hall. B. Mutrie mentioned that it would be helpful to have a house's foundation listed on the tax assessor forms.

A motion to adjourn was heard at 8:47 pm by A. Haggart, seconded by M. Kasprzak and all agreed. Our next meeting will be Monday, July 6th.

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary