

The Hampton Falls Heritage Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2015

The Commission was called to order at 6:51 pm. Attending were Beverly Mutrie, Secretary and acting Chair, Wendy Harrington, MaryAnn Hill and Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman. David French and Ann Haggart were absent.

We discussed whether anyone had seen Marietta's and Judy's 300th Anniversary Suggestions. Beverly thought she might have it. If so will send to all.

We thought that Jon Bohm and the Cemetery Trustees could do a grave inventory with pictures and GPS to upload to either a Billion Graves or Find A Grave for the 300th.

Question arose whether the Selectmen should be in charge of taking the lead in finding committee members and guiding the resultant 300th Steering Committee. The Heritage Commission will be busy doing an inventory of old homes and abridged surveys. Perhaps we should find a way to give out or do a reduced cost for Old Home Markers for the event as at the 250th.

Suggest the Grange could do something for the 300th...they should become involved. How many members are from Hampton Falls? The Fire Department should also start thinking of ways to contribute.

We discussed Beverly's draft Poster seeking Elm Tree owners. What is the warranty specifically? Can we get permission from the State of NH for planting in the state road Right of Ways? Can the trees be planted just on town roads, or any road in the town? How far back from the pavement? Wording to be checked.

Beverly attended a climate change meeting and handed out a copy of the 2014 Science and Technical Advisory Panel Report Summary which forecasts a rise of between 2' to 4' in sea level by 2100. How do we work together with the Emergency Management Committee and Fire Dept. to plan for this eventuality. We have an historic Indian encampment on the Edgerly farm land by the Hampton Falls River. Also the depot would most probably become flooded. To view the flood maps with Historic site data (mostly National Historic Register properties) go to www.granit.unh.edu/nhcoastalviewer. There might be help from the NH Dept. Historic Resources, or Div. Cultural Resources along with NHCAW.org.

Wendy asked about new information for our Facebook site. Beverly will get her the electronic files for the two applications to the NH Historic Register and info on the new handicapped ramp at the Museum. The check to Preservation Company was sent. Richard McDermott has signed the application.

We will review last month's minutes next meeting.

The School Board has voted to proceed with asking the town for a Community Center (new gym and music room).

Next meeting tentatively **September 14.**

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Hill, seconded by M. Kasprzak and all concurred at 7:50 pm.

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary