Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Special Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by B. Mutrie
Members present: Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary, Ann Haggart and David French Commissioners.
Absent: Larry Smith, Selectman.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss replacing vs. repairing the Historic Windows in the 1949 wing of LAS.
B. Mutrie reported that Maggie Stiers from the NH Preservation Alliance and Allison Hardy of Window Woman made excellent presentations to the school board at their meeting on Thurs. June 9th recommending restoration.
(D. French had left the SB meeting early but viewed the tape of the proceedings to get up to speed.)
The School Board will be opening bids for replacement windows on Tues June 14. What can the Heritage Commission do to encourage the board to seriously consider the restoration approach.

Concerns are: opening the old windows for ventilation, historic look, excellent quality of the old windows vs the replacements, the appearance of simulated lights in replacement windows, cost of abatement of lead and asbestos, storm window repair/replace, costs, lack of consideration for the heritage value of the old windows, tendency of SB to tie keeping the old windows to the bond package they are pushing for. There is also money in the SB budget for windows.

Funding windows: A foundation associated with the school as a fund raising arm such as Rye has; SB looking to Historical Society or Heritage Commission to donate money; grant money from LChip or Moose Plates. Ask people if they would like to sponsor the restoration of a window.

Windows on newer wing being replaced anyway because of safety issues.

Relative to space concerns: A. Haggart suggested best practices would be co-teaching English and Spanish in one classroom for example.

Spread the word to get support for restoring the old windows. Ask people to come to the SB meeting. Try to pack the meeting. E-mail people we know.

Motion to adjourn by B. Mutrie, seconded by D. French. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 4:16
Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill, Secretary