

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2016

Present were David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Ann Haggart and Mary Ann Hill, Commissioners. Absent: Mary Ann Kasprzak.

The meeting commenced at 1:05 pm.

David stated that the Treasurer's report said that there was \$1,240.24 in the Heritage trust account as of December 31.

D. French made an amendment to the Warrant Article at the Deliberative Session to ask for \$3000 instead of \$1000 for the Tercentenary Fund. That amendment passed.

Minutes of January 4. D. French motioned to accept and A. Haggart seconded with all voting yes.

Minutes of January 11th: D. French motioned to approve, M. Hill seconded and all voted yes.

Minutes of January 18th, two corrections (horse show date and date of next meeting changed). D. French made the amendments, A. Haggart seconded and all approved minutes as amended.

B. Mutrie showed the group the royal blue Lee sweatshirt with the 250th seal (same as medals) over the breast in white. The sweatshirt will be held by A. Haggart unless the Museum would like it returned.

D. French reviewed the history of the Grogan painted sign. It will be done by Sign of the Times in Exeter and it is almost ready. B. Mutrie motioned to reimburse Bob Leonard for \$31 for some of the costs of shipping and materials for the two signs he made that had flaws. Seconded by A. Haggart and all approved. M. Hill's brother does sign/truck lettering can could be a new contact.

D. French made a motion to approve \$37.99 to Ann Haggart and \$7 to Hampton Copy for materials for the Tri-centennial Celebration. Seconded by M. Hill and all agreed to pay \$44.99 from the Tercentenary Fund. The BOS will receive the approved receipts for payment.

Demolition Permit --It was noticed that the Alison Janvrin Chicken Brooder House (Map 2 Lot 76) was torn down. The dumpster is still there. We did not receive any notice of this and as a result, were unable to measure and take pictures at the very least. D. French will draft a letter to the BOS and the Building Inspector asking for clarification and either how to improve the communications or actions to be taken. B. Mutrie will attempt to draw up a separate Demolition Permit for the BI's use.

For 2016, our goal is to apply for a Neighborhood Heritage District which should then allow us to apply for a certified Local Government designation, which then allows for federal funds/grants. We will ask Maggie Steir from the NH Preservation Alliance to come talk to us in a separate meeting.

A vote was taken to change the name going forward of the Tercentenary Committee to Tri-centennial Committee as it's easier to spell and say. Both words mean the same. Three votes to one in favor.

February 8th Meeting at the Library at 6:30.

A. Haggart would like to know who's coming. She will contact people by phone as will David and Beverly. There will hopefully be several horse owners there to discuss a commemorative horse show.

A summary agenda will be briefly discussed and a hand out given by A. Haggart. The handout will mention items/events that could start the discussions which will be done in small 5 person groups. Eventually people will hopefully volunteer to join a specific sub-committee. The members of the Steering Committee will elect a chair. Their job is to support the sub-committees, find funding or volunteers.

M. Hill and D. French reported on the 300th committee meeting in Stratham. They have been working on this summer's events since 2010. Their history book update is great!

We need a Logo, and a Slogan! for all correspondence and marketing materials, along with a web--site, with a link from the town's web-site and a facebook account. Hampton Falls Living Magazine should be utilized to the fullest extent possible. Need to get sponsorships and hopefully an "Advancement" type marketing person to search out donations.

Also needed is an accountant to advise on how to set up a fund or use the existing Tercentenary Fund if sufficient, and keep the books. Who will have control of the monies? We assume the donations are tax deductible if given into this fund. This is a query for the BOS.

The Heritage Commission can be a participant in the 300th celebration, perhaps by doing the Neighborhood Heritage District, promoting Historic House signs on all Historic properties, or completing an inventory of all historic resources.

People should be at the Library at 6Pm on Feb 8th. David will bring veggies and dip. Cider/water provided. B. Mutrie will change the 300th posters to have one for the Town Hall on voting day stating contact information and check with Wendy on a QR code for it.

We briefly discussed the Horse Show (Olympic) support that D. French would like to obtain. He will ask Jared Gove at Taylor River Farms and others. Do we still have a good horse show facility at Heronfield?

B. Mutrie brought up the subject of the Conservation and Recreation Commissions having budgeted \$1250 or more for secretarial help. We all agreed that we should have money in a budget (PB?) for refreshments, everyday expenses such as printing and note taking time.

D. French also mentioned that Judy Wilson is the sole remaining member of the Ad-Hoc Steering Committee. Once a new 300th Steering Committee is formed, then it should be contacted for next year's town report, not the Heritage Commission.

We adjourned at 4:20 pm upon a motion by D. French, seconded by M. Hill and all approved.
Beverly Mutrie, Secretary