

**Hampton Falls Heritage Commission/ Tercentennial Committee**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2016**

The Heritage Commission met on January 18, 2016 at 1 pm with invited guests. Present were David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, and Ann Haggart, Mary Ann Hill, Commissioners (also from Conservation Commission). Absent was Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman. Also present were guests: Barbara Tosiano, Librarian, Dale Ohsberg from the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Judy Wilson, member of the Tercentennial Steering Committee, Bob Perkins representing the Grange, Georgianna Swain from the Cemetery Trustees, Peter Robart representing the TIC and Rec, George and Judy Koch, from the Historical Society, and Lyn Stan, representing the Recreation Commission and the Friends of the Bandstand.

David French introduced everyone and discussed the need for us to start planning our celebration **now**. He explained that we have requested funding since 2011 when the Steering Committee was first formed. He introduced Ann Haggart who has previously spearheaded our discussions.

Ann explained what Stratham has done as they are celebrating their 300th this year. Stratham has funded the events with tax dollars and through the budget. Hopkington, MA is also celebrating. Both are much bigger towns.

It's important to start early, engage volunteers, have funding, have support of the Community. It may be preferable to have activities that occur every year leading up to 2022.

She broke down possible activities and sub-committees according to subject:

**Arts:**

School Play

Quilt

Photography Exhibit

Art Exhibit with Plein Air Painting- Auction off

Sculpture

Graphic Arts

Movie- Video

Music for young and old

**Historical Events**

Update Town History Book

Designate Neighborhood Historic Districts

Gravestones mapped and put on web

Farm to Table

Garden with Heirloom seeds= LAS

Native American Culture

African American Culture

Google Map

**Fundraising:**

Pewter Ornament

School reward/ 8th graders

**Fiscal Committee:**

Need ability to raise and expend funds

Grants from NH Charitable Foundation

Use for Marketing Plan

**Fundraising Activities:**

Carnival with Old Fashioned Games

Road Races etc

Farmstand

Sugaring Off- Pancake Breakfast

Period Dinner @ Applecrest

Children's Activities

**Marketing:**

Need Logo

T shirts re Theme

Trade Show set up

Website, Facebook, etc

**Legacy:**

Plant 300 Elm Trees

Beautify Route 1

Sidewalks possible?

Benches

DOT Grant Money available?

Time Capsule

Get more people involved in town

voting, volunteering

Raise funds for legacy projects through taxes?

**Celebration Day/ Weekend/ Week/ Month?**

Parade

Picnic

Concert

Town Picture

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Judy Koch posed the question: Where do people's interests lie? Who are experts in town that would volunteer? Need "boots on the ground".

David French queried: Hampton Falls was known to have the first horse fare (show) in the country in 1732. Can we use this to our advantage?

Peter Robart suggests that we do a town wide survey to rate different events, ask for interest in attending each event. Perhaps need a handout to expand town's awareness. Ann agreed that informing people -- need your time or money-- is a priority.

Judy Wilson: did the oral history project and interviewed 13 people on film. Need to be realistic as we are a small town. Her committee determined that storytelling was the most favored interest. Her video did break down the oral history into topics such as School, Marsh, Agriculture, Recreation, WWII.

Mark DeBlois would like to use video in 3rd grade as it connects with existing/living people.

Marietta and she visited Hampton for their 375th and thought it was too commercialized. Make it more tangible and have people with vested interest. Logo could be a school project...maybe high schoolers.

Recreation: Art on the Common coming, one day event. Prints can be made of artwork and sold to underwrite some of costs. Grant from Humanities Council and perhaps do a Chautauqua type event (lecture/lunch). Sell artwork or auction off.

Committee will have to pull town together. Lectures can also discuss current events such as the marsh, sea level rise. Use UNH as resource and marketing, maybe even their drama department.

Peter Robart will put together a survey for Nov or March election. Maybe have a drawing with a prize for a returned surveys to get more participation. Judy Wilson will review survey.

Use town news and HF Living Magazine to get information out. Also use website with link to our page.

**Organization of Committee on next agenda.**

Who does Committee report to?

School Board waiting for us to recommend course of action. Need to build a data base .

Lyn Stan can perhaps do a handout during voting day.

Next meeting possibly: **Feb. 10th at 6:30 pm** at town hall.

We adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Judy Wilson suggested that Tercentennial Committee is a mouthful and should be named instead the 300th Celebration.