

Minutes of the Meeting – FINAL

Old Stage Bridge Committee

January 11, 2010 at Hampton Falls Town Hall at 7:00PM

Committee Members Present: Judy Wilson - Chair, Steve Volpone, Larry Rice, Fran Rice, Jack Fermery, Dick Robinson, Wayne Barker, Mike Henry, Nathan Page, David French

Guests: Larry Smith, Peter Robart, Tim Samway

Absent: Paul Fitzgerald, Steve Bryant, Mark Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Judy Wilson.

The minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting were unanimously accepted.

1. The Committee thanked Tim Samway for his photography portfolio that has documented the entire construction process, including the opening on December 26, 2009. Judy noted that Tim's work provides an important Town archive now and well into the future.

2. Construction Update/Remaining Tasks for Spring

- Larry Rice will complete gable ends with wood supplied by Peter
- Jack will look into gaps between the guard rails and first bridge posts (for additional safety)
- Interior bumper rails will be capped to provide an angle for water run-off
- Jack will develop a landscaping plan to be shared with David who is the Committee's liaison with the Boy Scouts
- Roof will either be completed by Steve Moore or another vendor

3. Bollards

The Committee discussed the yellow color of the current bollards that some find objectionable, both esthetically and because it is not reflective at night. Fran presented internet research showing alternative colors for bollards at pedestrian bridges. The Committee agreed that we should meet with the insurance carrier to determine if black bollards with reflective tape and a red STOP sign would be acceptable. Judy will follow up on this

4. Electricity and Security Update

Nathan reported that the Hampton Conservation Commission budget will include lighting. Judy and Steve will meet with the Hampton Falls Police Chief to discuss their

security recommendations. Nathan will invite Hampton's Police Chief to attend the meeting as well.

5. Signage

Judy asked that the earlier decision to name the bridge "Coffin's Mill Bridge" be reconsidered in light of the fact that the recent publicity has fixed the name "Old Stage Road Bridge" firmly in the public's mind. Furthermore, it helps people on both sides of the bridge to locate it. The Committee unanimously agreed. Instead, the display board that covers the electrical service can be used to provide historical information about Coffin's Mill.

6. Upcoming Dates

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting in April

The Committee agreed to schedule the Community Celebration at the bridge in late May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.