

Minutes of the Meeting - FINAL

Old Stage Bridge Committee

July 12, 2010 at Hampton Falls Town Hall at 7:00PM

Committee Members Present: Judy Wilson - Chair, Steve Volpone, Larry Rice, Dick Robinson, Wayne Barker, Mike Henry, Larry Smith (ex-officio)

Absent: Paul Fitzgerald, Steve Bryant, Fran Rice, Jack Fermery, Nathan Page, David French, Mark Thompson, Peter Robart (ex-officio)

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

The minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting were unanimously accepted.

1. Budget review

Steve distributed a budget that shows a Maintenance Fund of \$18,468.15. There is still one outstanding pledge of \$2,500 due in the fourth quarter of the year.

2. Landscaping update

Larry Rice reported on the landscaping and the remaining brush and tree removal needed at the site. The Committee agreed to schedule more clean-up work in mid-August.

The deteriorating condition of Old Stage Road on the Hampton side was discussed. Mike Henry volunteered to write a letter to the Town of Hampton on behalf of the Committee citing our safety concerns, given the amount of visitors the Bridge is now attracting.

3. Bollard update

The Committee discussed painting the bollards black. Wayne reported that this could be problematic because anything that hit the bollards would expose the yellow material underneath. The Committee agreed to authorize Wayne to investigate the cost of purchasing new black bollards, spending up to \$600 for 4.

4. Signage update

The Committee agreed to produce two new signs, replacing the sign on Old Stage Road with a new sign, designed by Judy and produced by Alex Dittami, that has a picture of the Bridge and the wording: Covered Bridge Closed to Vehicular Traffic. Dick will supply the metal for two signs and will get Judy the dimensions. Judy will ask Nathan to coordinate changing the Hampton sign.

5. Electrical box/display area

Larry Rice reported that he is building a corkboard display area with a Lexan (clear plastic) door. The Committee agreed that information about the Coffin Mill with a historic photo should be included in the display. They also agreed to include a statement that no taxpayer or public money was used in the project.

6. Upcoming Dates

The Committee discussed becoming a subcommittee of the Hampton Falls Town Improvement Committee, but with a separate budget per the requirements of the Intermunicipal Agreement. The Committee decided to have at least one more meeting in mid or late August to tie up any loose ends.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.