Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Special Meeting Draft Minutes
August 19, 2020

Met at Pelton Farm and meeting called to order at 10:20 am. Present were Mary Ann Hill and Phil Chura, Commissioners and Beverly Mutrie, Secretary and Chair. Lou Gargiulo, Commissioner and Selectman, was absent.

We walked the Ken and Ruth Pelton house at 19 Lafayette Road which was built in 1936, all supposedly by Ken Pelton. Ken was an avid vegetable gardener and had rhubarb, strawberries, blueberries and gladioli for sale from his farm stand next to Route 1. He later leased the stand to another entity who sold farm produce, namely apples, eggs, tomatoes, honey and maple syrup, among other things.

Seacoast Power Sports has bought the two-acre property now that the previous owners have died. NM Cook has filed for a Demolition Permit.

We measured the front and sides of the house, barn/garage and produce stand. There are a lot of jogs and bump outs. Phil Chura has taken drone and still pictures of the property.

We reviewed the Demolition Delay Ordinance and determined that the house and outbuildings were not of sufficient historical interest or in good enough condition to necessitate a demolition delay.

Seacoast Power Sports will be putting up a modern looking 2-story building with glass windows and a flat roof. Beverly went to the planning board to try to persuade them to change it to a New England barn-like structure, but not successful.

We approved a motion made by Phil Chura, seconded by Mary Ann Hill to allow the Demolition Permit for 19 Lafayette Road to progress. Beverly Mutrie agreed.

On another note:
Mary Ann Hill made a motion to approve renewing our membership in the NH Preservation Alliance at the $70 level with the funds to come from the budget. Beverly Mutrie seconded the motion and Phil Chura agreed. Beverly will contact the bookkeeper to send the check.

Meeting adjourned upon a motion by Phil Chura, seconded by Mary Ann Hill and Beverly concurred at 10:55 am.

Beverly Mutrie, recording Secretary and Chair