

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm. In attendance were Beverly Mutrie, Chair, David French, Vice Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Phil Chura, Commissioners. Absent was Jim Ziolkowski, Selectman.

The minutes from December were approved after discussion upon a motion by Phil, seconded by, Mary Ann, with all concurring. The Town Treasurer's report for the Heritage Fund was reviewed. There currently is \$6994.31 in the Fund after interest of \$12.78 was added. \$688 will be added to our Heritage Fund as soon as a check written and given to the town treasurer.

Beverly is still compiling the Historic House Guidebook. She found information from 1953 regarding a Robert G. Lord Bridge on Route 84 by Powells (?) and a Lincoln H. Akerman bridge on Rte 88, we assume by the marsh. Beverly will contact Veterans Post 35 to confirm. Phil will try to get pics of those and also the Warren Brown Boulder now that the vegetation is gone.

Beverly contacted Lynne Monroe from the Preservation Company regarding Mary Ann's Joseph Cram House c. 1835. We are interested in putting it on the State or National Historic Register and need to know the cost.

We are gathering information on home occupations for any buildings that would have been used as shoe shops, blacksmith's, general stores, doctor's offices, taverns, milk store, upholstery shop, pewter shop etc. These buildings and occupations should be recorded in our files and guidebook.

We voted to have Phil Chura of Chura's Photography do 10 postcard scans at hi res and clean them up for printing for \$200 upon a motion by D. French, Mary Ann seconding and Beverly agreeing.

Phil also has the Cram Interior Barn photograph for scanning so we and the Historical Society may use it.

A motion was made to reimburse Beverly Mutrie \$14.97 for the purchase of the photo by David, seconded by Mary Ann, and all agreed.

Mary Ann reported that she has done some research on historic house signs and bronze plaques. We would like to find the less expensive sign maker for a roughly 12x18" sign and then pursue options. A sign could be hand carved or hand painted, whichever the customer prefers. Some houses will list original owner and date, farm name and date, or builder and date depending on the research results.

The Historical Society is interested in having a Preservation Architect come to the Museum to report on how to make the interior more efficient, repair the bathroom, and find storage space, at the very least. Contact has been made with Jon Bohm as well as Greg Colling from Exeter through Beverly.

Beverly reported that her White Mulberry Tree is considered to be a state champion by the NH Extension Service's Big Tree program.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 12 at 2pm. David mentioned that he can't make Feb. 12 or 13th meeting. We can reschedule or carry on anyway as long as we have a quorum.

A motion to adjourn was heard at 3:10 pm upon a motion by David French, Mary Ann Hill seconding and Beverly agreeing.