

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Minutes February 4, 2020

Attending: Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Mary Ann Hill, Phil Chura and Lou Gargiulo, Selectman, all being Commissioners. The meeting commenced at 9:10 am. The minutes from January 7th were approved upon a motion by Phil, second by Mary Ann, and all agreed.

The Treasurer's Heritage Fund balance nor the budget balance were not available as yet. The only change other than interest from last month would be a \$500 payment from the Heritage Fund to Chura's Photography for 10 more houses photographed. We will be paying \$1000 to the state for the Memorial Bridge signs this spring.

No news on the two proposals for the State Historic register other than a letter was given to Judy Deene who is caretaking Beverly Woodward's house. She gave the HC's letter to Nancy, the executrix, but has not had any feedback. Beverly will contact Judy every so often by email. We could still do the Cram house if needed.

No further progress on the survey booklet.

Beverly found a letter from Elinor Perfect Mawson that showed the position of the W.B. Boulder in the field near Old Stage Road. She also commented that her mother, Lois Brown Perfect, was a Selectman during the war (maybe the first woman) and also perhaps acted as Chief of Police. Elinor's son BG Mawson lives in Seabrook and can point out the boulder.

Beverly attended the last meeting of the Planning Board and commented on the application of Pelton Farm by reading Article III, Section 3.4 regarding the preferred conditions for the southern business district for Route 1 development regarding New England architecture. She also commented that the Heritage Commission expects to rule on a demolition delay ordinance (no problem) and take pictures and locate the buildings. We hope the Planning Board also does an Architectural Review as required so that the new building has New England characteristics.

Beverly reported that the Veterans Memorial Bridge signs are on order and will be installed this spring. She asked Lou if he would like to make a few remarks at the Memorial Day ceremony about the signs. If Lou can't, then perhaps Richard McDermott or Pam Fitzgerald would.

We have placed historic house plaque posters at various town and public places. We have not had inquiries.

We discussed what to submit for the town newsletter. Beverly will write something about the plaques, the Memorial Bridge signs, and the need for volunteers.

Beverly wanted to clarify the parameters for taking the house photographs. We want to make sure that unless permission is given, we only can take pictures from the street. We are attempting to compile a photographic survey of all old houses and places in town for future historic reference, not tax purposes. We will not place photos on the web unless the street view. Phil is working on transferring all to a flash drive by date and/or street number. Beverly will draw up a new letter to home owners.

Lou would like a Your Wanted poster for the town's upcoming political events...the primary on Feb. 11, the Candidates night on Feb 26? And the town election on March _____. Beverly will try to draw up something. Lou would also scan to file our old town reports if not already done so the file can be put on the town's website.

Note: The Old house and Barn Expo is the weekend of March 20/21 in Manchester.

The meeting adjourned at 10 Am upon a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Phil Chura.

Next **meeting March 3 at 9 am.**

Beverly Mutrie, acting Secretary