

Hampton Falls Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021

In attendance at 9:12 am were Beverly Mutrie, Chair/Secretary, Phil Chura, Mary Ann Hill, Commissioners and Lou Gargiulo, Selectman and Commissioner. Briefly attending was Rachel Webb, Town Secretary.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written upon a motion by Phil Chura, seconded by Mary Ann and all agreed.

The Treasurer's Report as of November first was \$950 in our budget with \$50 soon to be debited for the ARC-GIS subscription fee reimbursement to the Conservation Commission. The Heritage Fund has a balance of \$8115.24.

Beverly has paid Phil Chura for changing 3 negatives to electronic formats. A motion was made to reimburse her \$45 by Lou, seconded by Mary Ann and all agreed.

Beverly will provide Rachel and Lou copies of our latest Historic Resources booklet which eventually will be printed in color on shiny paper, as in a magazine. Mary Ann was asked to edit the Introduction pages. Beverly will change the town map to the 1892 map that lists the property's owners to see if that is better.

We discussed putting the pictures and booklet on the town's website with Rachel. She had many questions that we tried to answer. Beverly reported that she used Publisher with tables to format the booklet. She will attempt to convert the total to an excel spreadsheet. Phil thought that we have about 150 pictures in JPEG format; as of now, it takes up about 23 MEG (one-2 pictures per property).

We would like to have a place marker on a map, a picture of the house, a caption and text about the property's history/architecture. Rachel will try to find out more information from the town's webmaster.

We briefly discussed the Town of Rochester, NH's joint effort to have a website and map of Historic places hosted by Google Earth which essentially can depict the same kind of interactive map. Mary Ann, as chair of the Conservation Commission is also working with ARC-GIS software with the Story Tour map. She will send/give Rachel more information.

Beverly showed a questionnaire in letter format that was used by the Historical Society in 1997. The consensus was that the postcard format was cheaper and just as apropos. She will bold "electronic copies" and ask owners to share any other information. We will print and mail these around the first of January.

Beverly reported that our Library Director has been asked to join the Tricentennial and they are seriously considering doing a "drive by tour" with "If this House could Talk" information from a QR code or similar, to bring up electronic information. Also discussed was a possible trolley tour and perhaps an Historical Society slide show.

Unless anything urgent comes up, we will plan to skip the December meeting and meet in January as regularly scheduled. (January 11th)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am upon a motion by Phil, seconded by Mary Ann and all voted in the affirmative.