

## **Hampton Falls Heritage Commission**

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2024**

Attending at 9:10am were Commissioners, Beverly Mutrie, Chair, Lou Gargiulo (Selectman), and Mary Ann Hill. Phil Chura was absent.

The minutes from October 2023 were approved upon a motion by M. Hill, seconded by L. Gargiulo, and all voted to pass the motion.

The Treasurer's Report was given by B. Mutrie. As of December 31, the Heritage Fund Balance was \$8525.36 with interest accrued of \$36.29. The extra interest was thanks to L. Gargiulo who previously had the Town Administrator and Treasurer review the bank's interest policy. The balance of the 2023 Heritage Budget (~\$650) will be transferred to the Heritage Fund after the auditors have reviewed it in January. Our new budget will be \$1000 if the town budget passes.

B. Mutrie will contact A. Tonry to see if she, B. Mutrie and M. Hill can get together and review the Historic Resources Booklet for corrections before we begin the process of putting it online.

The Chair was contacted by Gloria Gibney of Connecticut regarding a sign for her daughter's Blue Chip Farm's house and also its barn. She was forwarded the website of Hand Painted Wooden Signs of New Jersey. It is easier for them to order the sign directly after we either research the history of the building or approve the text.

B. Mutrie reviewed the goals for 2024. She was concerned with the future 'looks' of the Town Common District and would like to see the Planning Board promote a cohesive streetscape that enhances our town's reverence for history. The Commission also briefly discussed what putting in sewer on Lafayette Road would do to the current uses and thus any building's current architectural style. The resultant pressure to add more residences/businesses might be limited by the excess traffic but could also change the streetscape.

The Commission believes that Phil's idea of a 'Barn Tour' video could be done with a barn structure expert such as Ian Blackman of Ian Blackman LLC, recommended by the NH Preservation Alliance as a barn restorer. The Commission will start working out the details.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 upon a motion by L. Gargiulo, seconded by M. Hill and B. Mutrie agreed, so the motion passed.

B. Mutrie, Secretary/Chair