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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Mark Lane, Chairman; Edward B. Beattie, Vice Chairman; Lou Gargiulo, Selectman

Public meetings of Hampton Falls Boards, Committees and Commissions held in the meeting hall at the Town Hall can be viewed live stream or later on demand by accessing the MEETING VIDEOS link on the Town's web site at <u>www.hamptonfalls.org</u>.

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The Board of Selectmen's 2022 Summer Meeting schedule is on Wednesdays as follows: June 22, 8:00 AM; July 13, 6:00 PM August 10, 6:00 PM Sept. 7, 6:00 PM Additional meetings or work sessions, as needed, may be scheduled and posted.

## **BATTERY DISPOSAL IN HAMPTON FALLS, NH**

Lithium battery disposal is a hot issue. In May, the Town of Lee had a fire at their Transfer Station due to a lithium battery that was punctured and started a fire. It is important that residents properly dispose of batteries (including lithium batteries), which are serious fire hazards. When not properly disposed, lithium batteries can easily combust, causing costly damage, injury, or even death!

#### WHICH BATTERIES CAUSE FIRES?

Lithium-ion batteries found in phones, laptops, cameras, power tools, hoverboards, and tablets are the biggest culprits. The Lithium-ion and lithium polymer batteries in these items are often encased in a soft pouch that, when punctured, allows air to reach the battery – causing a chemical reaction that leads to sparks, fire and sometimes explosions. The fire produces toxic smoke. When batteries are improperly thrown away, they are picked up by the Town's trash contractor. As the waste is compacted in the truck, and later moved with heavy equipment, the pouch encasing the batteries can puncture and start a fire!

#### HOW DO I DISPOSE OF OLD BATTERIES?

First, figure out what type of battery you have! Is it rechargeable? Car battery? Single use alkaline battery? Or a lithium battery?

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:** These can be recycled once they have reached the end of their life and no longer hold much of a charge. Many big box stores like Home Depot, Lowes, or Staples will take back for recycling rechargeable batteries. Find a location near you: <u>www.call2recycle.org</u>

**CAR (or boat) BATTERY:** These can be recycled - you can often take car (or boat) batteries back to your car dealership or mechanic. You can also find a take-back location near you: <u>www.recyclingmybattery.com</u>

**SINGLE USE (ALKALINE) BATTERY:** NOT recyclable. Wrap a piece of tape around the battery to cover both ends before tossing these batteries in the trash.

**LITHIUM BATTERY: HAZARDOUS - DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH!!** These batteries must be handled carefully. Contact your transfer station, recycling program or <u>www.call2recycle.org</u> to find a drop-off location near you. DO NOT just toss these in the trash - one battery can make a difference in the WORST way.

Resources to check ONLINE: www.call2recycle.org AND www.recyclingmybattery.com

## SCENIC ROAD ORDINANCE

The Town of Hampton Falls adopted a Scenic Road Ordinance in 1991 in accordance with RSA 231:158. When considering the removal of any trees adjacent to your property, please check to see if you are located on a Scenic Road and if a permit is required before proceeding.

### **ARTICLE IX – Section 3 – Scenic Roads**

The following roads are designated as scenic under the provisions of NH RSA 231:157-158 for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Hampton Falls, and further, that the Selectmen shall file the appropriate request for the suspension of specifications when making application to the Commissioner of Public Works and Highways for town road aid funds under RSA 241:7:

Brimmer Lane	Dodge Road	Mill Lane	Stard Road
<b>Brown Road</b>	Drinkwater Road	Nason Road	<b>Towle Farm Road</b>
Crank Road	Frying Pan Lane	Old Stage Road	
<b>Curtis Road</b>	<b>Goodwin Road</b>	Parsonage Road	
Depot Road	King Street	Sanborn Road	

Any removal of trees which measure in excess of fifteen (15) inches in circumference at a height of four (4) feet above the ground, or tearing down or destruction of stone walls or portions thereof, with respect to any portion on the above-mentioned scenic roads, shall not be permitted except by the prior written consent of the Hampton Falls Planning Board. Cutting of branches is permitted within six (6) feet of transmission wires.

Such consent of denial thereof shall be issued only after:

**3.1** The applicant has filed an appropriate application containing such information or plans as may be required by the Planning Board; and

3.1 The public hearing and notice procedures provided by NH RSA Chapter 231:158 have been complied with.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Ordinances and Regulations of the Town of Hampton Falls. Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen

#### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR, Stephanie Grant townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org 1-603-926-4618, Ext. 101 or 106

#### 2022 DOG LICENSES

The 2022 dog tags are available from the Town Clerk's office (in person or on-line).

<u>ALL DOGS IN TOWN SHOULD BE LICENSED BY APRIL 30</u> each year as required by state RSA 466:1. Rabies vaccination certificate(s) are only required if rabies expiration date has expired. <u>Each dog not licensed</u> <u>by June 9th will automatically receive an additional \$25 civil forfeiture (RSA 466:13).</u> If you no longer own a dog(s), call 1-603-926-4618; Ext. 101, or e-mail us at <u>townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org</u>; and we will remove your name from the list.

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are open to the public for walk-in service and also offer the Drop Box service (located to the Left of the main door to Town Hall). Please see the procedure below if you wish to use the Drop Box:

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### If you have <u>bought a new vehicle/trailer/motorcycle</u>. Please provide the following:

- Copy of your driver's license
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk copy at the bottom)
- Contact information (name, phone number and email)
- Payment (check made out to Town of Hampton Falls and we will fill in amount or credit card over the phone once processed)

Please put this information in an envelope and utilize the Drop Box to the Left of the main door to Town Hall. Your paperwork will be processed and we will call you to arrange a time to pick up the plates at our office.

#### Any residents who wish to transfer their old plates to a new vehicle please provide the following:

- Copy of your driver's license
- Old registration (the plates you wish to transfer must be original not a copy)
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk Copy)
- Blank check (once filled in we will copy and send back to you)
- Contact information (email, phone # and address)

Please put this information in an envelope and utilize the Drop Box to the Left of the main door to Town Hall. Your paperwork will be processed and mailed back to you.

We ask you that you <u>continue to renew your registrations online as well as licensing dogs</u>. Please visit the Town Clerk's page on <u>www.hamptonfalls.org</u> to renew online. You may also renew your vehicle by dropping off a copy of your previous registration, copy of your license and a payment (please see above) and deliver to the Drop Box to the Left of the main door to Town Hall. You can also call the office to process a renewal over the phone or come in and renew in person.

Please show photo I.D. for all motor vehicle transactions.

-Transfers require the original, current registration(s) RSA 261:168 (copies are to be kept in your vehicle(s). -A <u>notarized Power of Attorney</u> is required when signing a title application for another person (even your spouse). -Please allow time for processing your transactions by arriving as far in advance of our closing times as possible (at least 15 minutes before we close).

Please call our office at 1-603-926-4618 ext. 101 or email <u>townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org</u> with any questions or concerns.

## FILING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please call ahead to schedule an appointment to apply for a new marriage license. Please note the appointment will take about 45 minutes. Any New Hampshire Town or City Clerk can do the filing for a marriage license. The cost is \$50 and requires both persons' I.D. and final divorce or death certificates if filing for a subsequent marriage other than your first.

## VITAL RECORDS AND 3-YEAR DUMP STICKERS ON-LINE

You can request "certified" copies of NH Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce certificates on-line by choosing Vital Records on the town web page, please also email a picture of your driver's license when requesting any certified copy to townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org. Limited staff prevents us from being able to produce certified copies "on the spot." Requests for self-cling, 3-year brush dump stickers (required for brush disposal only; no longer required for household waste collection days) are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each.

#### Town Hall Contact 1-603-926-4618

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### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAYS**

A reminder that the Town Clerk's office is closed to the public on Fridays.

#### TAX INFORMATION

Property owners should have received their first property tax bill for 2022. The due date for the first bill is Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Please do **NOT** postdate your checks, by law the tax office cannot hold your payment until the posted date, this will result in the payment being mailed back and you could incur additional late charges. *IMPORTANT!* Many of you are using online banking, please schedule your payment to arrive on or before the due date. Most systems require 5 - 6 days to deliver a payment. Credit/Debit card payments and electronic checks are accepted online for property taxes. Please be aware there is a 2.95% charge for all credit/debit transactions and a \$0.95 charge for online checks. This is a bank **processing fee** and it is **not** charged or retained by the Town of Hampton Falls. You can pay/view your tax bill by visiting the home page at <u>www.hamptonfalls.org</u> and clicking on the Tax Collector page.

In addition to mailing your payment you can deposit a check in the Drop Box to the Left of the Town Hall main entrance. If you would like a receipt, please provide us with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Also, if you are considering applying for a tax abatement; please wait until after receiving the December bill. If you have any questions about your tax bill, please feel free to come into the office, call at 1-603-926-4618, Ext. 101, or send an e-mail to townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org.

## BUILDING INSPECTION, Mark Sikorski

### buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org 1-603-926-4618, Ext. 105

Calls from residents and business owners alike are encouraged *before* starting any project. More than one resident has spent considerable time and money on engineered plans before they realized their proposed project would intrude into the wetlands buffer, setbacks from property lines, or other considerations, as defined by Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinances. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with these Ordinances which are available at Town Hall or online at <u>www.hamptonfalls.org</u>. All permit applications are available online as well. If you live on one of our beautiful Scenic Roads, pay special attention to Article IX, Section 3 of the Zoning Ordinance for any changes you may wish to make along your property. Trees and stone walls located in the right-of-way, require permission to disturb.

On the Town website, Home page, under the "Citizen Action Center", please Click on the "Regulations" heading, to access ordinances, codes, and regulations. This is where you will find information regarding whether the project you have in mind is permitted. In most cases, projects require pre-approval by the Building Inspector, and possibly other town officials or Boards. With regard to the Town's right-of-way alongside most roadways, the Road Agent and Building Inspector will notify owners of concerns immediately. The Town is not liable for damage to items placed within the Town right-of-way.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT – Jay Lord, Fire Chief chief@hffd.org 1-603-926-5752

Now that summer is upon us, here are a few tips to remember as we all enjoy the reasons we live in New England:

- The Tricentennial is happening the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August HFFD will host an Open House / Chicken BBQ on August 2nd get your LIMITED tickets from the Tricentennial Comm.
- The proper placement of grills are at least 5 feet away from the house or decking, and gas grills contribute to a higher number of fires than charcoal....so be careful.

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- All portable fireplaces, chimeneas, etc. that are used in the yard require a fire permit for the season (good until Dec 31st) and must be 25 feet from a structure.
- All fireworks require a permit three (3) days prior to discharge FREE permit applications are available on the Fire Department / Permits section of the town website <u>www.hamptonfalls.org</u>. A \$250 fine is possible without a permit to discharge....and PLEASE go talk to your neighbors, beforehand, if they have animals.
- As summer storms are sometimes very intense, remember the saying 'When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.'
- Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate if you're out in the sun and you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated, make sure you drink plenty of water prior to, and during, the time in the sun.
- Don't forget about Fluffy and Fido.... they need shade and water also.
- Bike helmets should cover the forehead and sit level on the head. Fasten the chin strap so that two fingers fit between the strap and the chin.
- Hurricane Season started June 1st have you made a plan? ....YES, it CAN happen here, and it has... be prepared. More info at <u>www.ReadyNH.gov</u>.

## Welcome | ReadyNH

Welcome to ReadyNH, New Hampshire's emergency preparedness website.

www.readynh.gov

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – Lyn Stan, Chairwoman** Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide programs and facilities that develop the physical condition and wellness of young and adult residents to benefit their quality of life. The Recreation Commission encourages volunteerism to promote unity within the community. The Hampton Falls Recreation Commission current members are: Lyn Stan, Chair, Karen Sabatini, Treasurer, Beth Forgione, Secretary, Pam Fitzgerald, Phil Chura and Kathy Dittami. Selectmen's Representative is Mark Lane and Governor Weare Park (GWP) liaison is Larry Smith. The Recreation Commission encourages residents with ideas for recreational activities and/or interests in organizing recreational activities to join the monthly meetings.

The <u>Depot Road Subcommittee of the Recreation Commission (DRSRC)</u> meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and is seeking an individual who can attend monthly meetings to chronicle activities of the group. The DRSRC also seeks volunteers to join their group of energetic and conservation-minded residents who want to be part of this growing and vital group. Please contact Alex Dittami at: <u>adittami@hotmail.com</u> for more information regarding the Depot Road Subcommittee of the Recreation Commission.

The Recreation Commission continues the management of <u>Governor Weare Park</u>. The scheduling of all teams and leagues using the fields including; Cal Ripken Baseball, Hampton Attack Spring and Fall Soccer and Lacrosse, are overseen by Mike Montville, Mark Lane and Ad hoc member Larry Smith. If interested in working with the leagues, please contact Mike or Mark. Governor Weare Park will continue to be used by community residents to have fun pick-up games with families and friends.

The Recreation Commission is excited to sponsor a <u>Home Run Derby</u> on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for Hampton Falls residents young and old to participate in the celebration of our town's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please reach out to Karen Sabatini at: <u>boxermomnh@gmail.com</u> by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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The <u>Hampton Falls Summer Camp Program</u> (run by Lincoln Akerman School Art teacher, Stacey Bellen), will run from July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Summer Camp Program provides kids with many fun-filled activities and recreation. It continues to be a big hit for Hampton Falls children.

The first <u>Castleberry Fair</u> kicked off on Mother's Day weekend and drew large crowds. The Fire Department grill was welcomed back by all. Castleberry Fair will return July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

The <u>Farmers Market</u> had its official opening on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We thank Sue Veilleux and the many wonderful farmers that kicked off the season. Please stop by on Wednesdays, 2pm-6pm and support our local farmers, great food from Big Bad Food Truck and live music. If you are interested in participating in the Farmers' Market, please contact Sue Veilleux at: jestafarm@aol.com.

LAS PTO <u>Movie Nights on the Town Common</u> are a new initiative this summer. The Recreation Commission is excited to welcome this new program and look forward to working together with the LAS PTO. Dates planned are Tuesday evenings: June 28, July 12, July 26, August 16, and August 23. Please stay tuned to the town website for announcement of specific movie titles closer to the dates.

<u>Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand/Cool Wheels</u> will kick off the 2022 season on June 23<sup>th</sup> thru August 26<sup>th</sup> with diverse and cultural performances. The Cool Wheels is seeking volunteers, if interested please contact Steve Sabatini. Please go to Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand/Hampton Falls Cool Wheels social media pages for full lineup and updates.

<u>Wayne from Maine</u> will return on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The 50-minute show is a musical adventure thru various musical styles designed for the young and young at heart.

The <u>Seniors Partnering With Seniors</u> is planning to host an evening of music with the Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra. This 17-member orchestra will be performing favorites by musical contributions of composers such as Burt Bacharach and lyrist Hal David along with Bernstein, Lennon, McCartney and others. They will be performing on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm on our Town Common.

The Recreation Commission is always looking for people to complement our team. Do you have a passion to build community spirit or have creative ideas? If you can answer YES, please consider joining our team.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Mary Ann Hill, Chair**

ConservationChair@HamptonFalls.org Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Summer arrived hot on the heels of Spring, and the Conservation Commission is busy with some fun projects. The Conservation Commission recently hired two Summer Interns to help with invasive plant removal, as was done last Summer by one Intern. Colin Brown and Owen Barry both live in Hampton Falls and are college students majoring in Environmental Studies. Some of you may have seen the results of their handiwork at the Depot Landing. Over a period of three days, the Interns removed **20** 50-gallon black bags of Bittersweet and Multifloral Rose. Both have said it's very satisfying to untangle a mass of Bittersweet with the result to free-up the native plants. You can almost feel the rescued plants sigh with relief. At the same time, both Interns are learning interesting facts about the salt marsh and native, non-invasive plants, and seeing the environment from a different perspective.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Conservation Commission hosted a workshop at the Library in which one member, Karen Ayers, demonstrated how to turn empty wine bottles into decorative Hummingbird Feeders. Karen provided bottles and

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paint for embellishment, wire to form hangers, and stoppers with feeding tubes. There was also a tiny hummingbird's nest on display, along with plant lists to attract hummingbirds and other pollinators to your garden. It was obvious that everyone enjoyed decorating their Bird Feeders, they were very colorful!

Visitors to the Raspberry Farm and Marsh Lane Preserve will notice new signs reminding dog owners to clean up after their pets. The Conservation Commission had received many complaints about odiferous surprises along the trail. Other Towns have dealt with the problem in different ways: some with signs, some requiring dog sitters to be licensed, and one town marked all the offending droppings with yellow flags to show just how bad the problem was. So, after much discussion signage has been installed. The Conservation Commission recommends that there be no more than two (2) dogs-per-person, and, that those two dogs be under positive control, either with a leash or one of those electronic devices. That being said, we actually like seeing the dogs. One of our Interns said that one of the best things about the job was meeting all the dogs.

## **TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – Judy Haskell, Secretary**

Meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at Town Hall.

## 1792-2022: 300 HUNDRED YEARS OF HISTORY AND TRADITION TO CELEBRATE!

The waiting is almost over, the events are about to begin! After years of deliberation and planning, the <u>Hampton</u> <u>Falls Tricentennial Week will begin on Sunday, July 31st and continue through Saturday, August 6th, 2022</u>. So many volunteers have come forward with energy and enthusiasm, and so many .com organizations worked together to make this a celebration that will be and remain a point of pride now and for future generations.

You will be receiving "Save the Date" information with a complete schedule of events and registration details. You can also go to the Historical Society's excellent website: <u>www.hamptonfalls300.com</u> for the complete calendar, events, registration and merchandise. The website is updated frequently, so be sure to check it out often!

<u>Sunday</u>, July 31st: Opening day Ceremony Patriot Fife and Drum Duo 2:00-3:00pm, Time Capsule Opening, Home Run Derby at Governor Weare Park 3:00 to 5:00pm (registration needed), Oldies Band "The Reminisants" on the Town Common 6:30 to 8:00pm.

<u>Monday</u>, <u>August 1st</u>: Trolley Tours 9:30am to 12:30pm two tours (registration needed), "Welcome to the Graveyard!" Lecture at the Library 1:00 to 2:30pm (registration needed), "The Stories of Alice Brown" Play at the Unitarian Church 6:30pm (registration needed).

<u>Tuesday, August 2nd</u>: "If This Grave Could Talk" Gravesite Visits 10:00am to 12:00pm, Fire Department Open House for Kids 4:00 to 5:30pm, Fire Department Family Night BBQ at Firehouse 5:30 to 7:00pm Sounds of the Siren (registration needed), Dedication of the Tricentennial Tree.

Wednesday, August 3rd: "If This Grave Could Talk" Gravesite Visits 1:00 to 3:00pm, Czar's Brewing Uncasking 8:00pm at Town Hall (ticket sales).

Thursday, August 4th: Trolley Tours 3:30 to 6:30pm two tours (registration needed).

<u>Friday, August 5th</u>: Kids Field Day on the Town Common 10:00am to 2:00pm (registration needed), Mary Ann Esposito "In Vino Veritas" 7:30pm at Town Hall and Museum (ticket sales).

Saturday, August 6th: Closing Ceremony 12:00pm, Budweiser Clydesdales, HF 300th Birthday Tile Mural Showcase, Awards, Time Capsule Dedication.

Ongoing self-guided events throughout the week include "If This House Could Talk" Self-Guided Audio Tour, Hampton Falls Cemeteries Self-Guided Audio Tour, Salt Marsh Haying / Farming at the Museum, Family Scavenger Hunt (forms available at the Library), and Time Capsule Viewing at the Library. Many of the listed events require registration, so hop on it! <u>www.hamptonfalls300.com</u> We're going to party like it's 2022!

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Tracy Healey-Beattie, President

The yellow school bus backed into the parking lot and seventeen (17) third-graders from Lincoln Akerman School and their teacher, Lindsay Meade, descended, eagerly awaiting a visit to the old East Schoolhouse. In keeping with history, a Historical Society Trustee pulled the rope and the very loud school bell caused the children to pause in wonder at this unique sound! It is not surprising that one could hear happy chatter and watch childish faces smiling while finding a seat in the one-room schoolhouse. The children asked many questions and enjoyed studying the historical artifacts. Before they left, they enjoyed Toll House cookies and lemonade.

The old East Schoolhouse historical structure, located at 7 (rear) Drinkwater Road, was built in 1839 as one of four one -room schoolhouses in the Town. In 1877,it

was purchased by Charles Newell Dodge and moved next to the main store where it was used as a grain house. Later, Mr. Dodge moved the post office into the school house. In 1914, George Merrill filled the position of Postmaster, previously held by C. N. Dodge and this operation continued until 1983, when David Benoit, a local developer, planned to build a new post office. At that time, then president Tracy Healey spoke to the developer, requesting that the newly formed Historical Society be considered for saving and restoring the structure. Not only

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did Mr. Benoit agree to the plea, he paid ten-thousand-

dollars to have it moved to its present location!A lease agreement was worked out between the Town and the Historical Society to situate the school on town-owned land. Much study was conducted to carry out historical research. Volunteer efforts, donations and true commitment by many have allowed the Historical Society to save this special piece of history. The Historical Society Trustees encourage residents to visit the schoolhouse and experience so many aspects of Hampton Falls history!

The Historical Society is actively engaged in the Tricentennial Celebration planning. There is a wonderful program that has been developed called "If This House Could Talk" on several Historic Homes in Hampton Falls, based on Elaine Winn's writings. Of great interest is the Czars Brewing Uncasking, a ticketed event at the Town Hall on August third. The renown Mary Ann Esposito will feature "In Vino Veritas", also a ticketed event at the Museum and Town Hall. Visit <u>www.HAMPTONFALLS300.com</u> for more details. One of the high points will be the GRAND PARADE, featuring the Budweiser Clydesdales and sponsored by the Historical Society.

The Historical Society Trustees look forward to your visits at the Museum and to share their new look and significant exhibits!

## **HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair**

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at Town Hall

One of the Heritage Commission's responsibilities is to compile a survey of all historic and cultural resources in Hampton Falls, particularly houses and barns, but also monuments, cemeteries, bridges and other man-made notable objects.

To that end the Heritage Commission has been working diligently on photographing and researching information on 170-historic homes (built before 1950). The booklet, titled "Hampton Falls' Historic Resources" is almost finished and will be published by the end of July to celebrate the Town's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Tricentennial celebration July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 6, 2022. The Historic Resources booklets will be available at the Town Hall and the Library. The Heritage Commission hopes that especially those of you with antique homes, but all residents, will find the booklet useful and informative. Eventually, it will also be added to the Town's website.

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The Heritage Commission is also promoting hand painted historic house signs to place on your home, or on a post in the ground, to identify your historic home. The Heritage Commission will collaborate with homeowners to determine the wording or do some sleuthing for the builder and/or the year built. These signs are made with weather resistant material, are approx. 12"x18" and are white with black lettering in a camelback shape. They sell for \$135 including postage. Let the Heritage Commission know if you are interested in having your historic

house identified at <u>Hfnhheritage@gmail.com</u>.

As usual, we would love to have more involvement by interested town residents, particularly those with some knowledge of old-time construction and/or old homes. After almost 300 years, Hampton Falls is known as having a beautiful Town Common, many historic homes spread out along the main roads, and a terrific school system. The Heritage Commission should, at the very least, do our part to help residents maintain the town's historic buildings together with other valuable historical resources for the next 100<sup>+</sup> years.

# **CEMETERY TRUSTEES** – Jonathan Bohn, Chairman

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at Town Hall

A hearty round of thanks to the Lincoln H. Akerman School students who helped clean up Westview Cemetery for Memorial Day. The hard work of the students set a great example of volunteerism in our small town. Thanks too, to teacher Liz Szeliga, for coordinating this project.



Hampton Falls' historic cemeteries will be showcased in three (3) upcoming events during the upcoming Tricentennial Celebration.

• "Welcome to the Graveyard!" will feature an illustrated presentation by the Gravestone Girls, focusing on the unique folk art of cemetery history.

• Student volunteers will be sharing some tidbits about the town's interesting historical characters who are buried in Hampton Falls during the program "If This Gravestone Could Talk."

• The Cemetery Trustees will offer the "Hampton Falls Cemeteries: Self -Guided Audio Tour," allowing visitors to participate in independent tours of our cemeteries.

Are you interested in helping clean our historic gravestones? The Cemetery Trustees need volunteers to keep the cemeteries in tip-top shape. Please contact Cemetery Trustee Wendy Harrington to help out at gravestone cleaning sessions! We use D2 Biological Cleaner, soft brushes and powered water spray to safely clean away the years of mold, discoloration and growth. It's rewarding and fun! Please email <u>wendyh156@gmail.com</u>.