

**Hampton Heritage Commission**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes 3/3/2022**

Call to order 5:30 P.M.

Salute to flag was conducted by Chair Jim Metcalf.

Members Present:

Ann Carnaby

Christine Bushway

John Wrobel

Jim Metcalf

Regina Barnes

No public citizens were present at the meeting. Meeting was held in the upstairs conference room of Hampton Town Hall.

Jim Metcalf discussed meeting minute from previous commission meetings for September, October, and December 2021 and solicited comments. Approval of all meeting minutes moved by Jim Metcalf and Ann Carnaby seconds the motion. 4-0 approval, Ms. Barnes abstaining from the vote.

Correspondence

No new correspondences for the Commission's attention.

**Historic Building Markers Project**

Jim Metcalf brought the commission members an update on the issues relative to the recent passing of the current building marker vendor. Bob Leonard's daughter is handling the affairs of the business and it is still unclear whether the business will continue. The marker program will continue along with either continued working with the previous vendor's business or possibly pursuit of a replacement vendor.

**Blacksmith Shop**

Jim Metcalf led a discussion o the former blacksmith shop with an update from the Hampton DPW chief concerning a list of potential contractors that are experienced with historical renovations. Regina Barnes suggested that the BOS representative should be the lead liaison with Hampton DPW regarding moving forward on estimates, engineering assistance, etc. Commission members generally agreed that the suggestion had merit. John Wrobel suggested and discussed the possibility of partnering with the Board of Education to develop the blacksmith shop and the adjoining Town Forest as an educational outdoor learning facility. Commission members expressed interest in the idea. Regina Barnes concluded that the commission should develop a plan for a BOS presentation later in the spring, to provide the BOS an opportunity to vote on having Hampton DPW move forward with a plan for the blacksmith shop.

### **Hampton Historical Society Kiosk Program**

Jim Metcalf provided the commission with an update concerning the kiosks. Various vendors work products have been evaluated and the Historical Society is close to making a vendor selection. Jim described the overall benefit of having the kiosks made of black locust due to that tree species having great longevity in construction.

### **DOT MOA on Bridge Replacement**

The DOT MOA was provided to the commission without the commission being a signatory. Also, within the MOA was the commission's suggestion that the historical markers be developed by DOT to conform to a town standard for historical signate, should a standard exist and be provided to DOT by June 2022. Since no town standard exists, the commission could develop a standard; however, there was no substantive discussion on how or whether to proceed.

### **DOT Road Projects Along Route 1A-Ocean Blvd**

Jim Metcalf attended an inspection meeting with DOT. He expressed that DOT is making a good faith effort to identify historic properties along the DOT project.

### **Responsibilities and Authorities**

Jim Metcalf proposed to evaluate RSAs to determine what the commission is allowed to do and propose to the BOS the commission's direction and path forward for activities.

### **Funding Sources**

Christine Bushway discussed the NH "Mooseplate" grant process as a possible avenue to obtain funds for a Hampton project. Jim Metcalf reminded the commission of the \$3200 in funds from the Hampton Historical Society that is available for a Grist Mill project. Ann Carnaby reminded the commission members of the previous sticker program that Hampton residents could donate funds towards a heritage project. These stickers which have been used in the past were available for purchase as an option when residents registered their vehicles.

The next meeting scheduled for April 2022 will discuss officers for the coming year.

### **Adjourning**

Regina Barnes motioned for adjournment at 6:25 PM. Christine Bushway seconds the motion. 5-0 to adjourn.

Submitted by John Wrobel