

Hampton Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes 11/3/2022

Call to order 6:57 P.M.

Salute to flag was conducted by Chairperson Ann Carnaby.

Commissioners Present:

Ann Carnaby

Christine Bushway

Jim Metcalf

Erica DeVries

Members of the Public Present:

None

Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Hampton Town Hall.

Approval of September 1, 2022 Minutes (Note: no meeting was held in October for lack of quorum)

Commissioner Metcalf moved that the draft minutes be accepted. Commissioner Bushway seconded. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

Agenda modification

The New Business item regarding demolition of a house at 188 Winnacunnet Rd was moved up to accommodate a commissioner who needed to leave not later than 8 PM.

Demolition of property over 100 years old

Chairperson Carnaby alerted the Commission to a possible proposal for demolition of a house over 100 years old at 188 Winnacunnet Rd. There is also a barn which the current owners are hoping to save. Such a proposal is relevant to the Heritage Commission per RSA 674:44-B. A second proposed development on High Street and Dearborne Ave extending around to Lafayette Rd was also discussed.

House Marker Program update

A new, simplified application for historic markers was presented by Commissioner Bushway and endorsed by the Commission.

Blacksmith Shop and Cooperage update

The cooperage pre-demolition photographic documentation report was presented to the Commission. It was prepared by the Hampton Historical Society and is extensive and well done.

Hampton Heritage Map proposal

Chairperson Carnaby presented her rough draft of a "Hampton Heritage Map" to the Commission. Such a map would locate and describe interesting historical features around the town in a "where is it, what

is it?" format. Two commissioners presented photographs and descriptions for additions to the list of features already compiled by the Chair. It was noted that the number of features being considered has increased to the point where multiple maps may be in order. Experience Hampton has indicated a willingness to provide financial support for at least the first map. A "run" of 500 was discussed with the consensus that such a number seemed a good target.

New Business

1. Black Heritage Trail has approached the Commission for support in placing a marker within the Town to recognize at least one historically-important person of color who lived here. The Chair contacted Rev. Deborah Knowlton, author of *Color me Included*, a history of people of color who have lived in Hampton, for her recommendations in that regard; and she has made a suggestion. There will be no cost to the Town for installation or maintenance. A motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf to continue to follow up with Black Heritage Trail to refine a proposal to the Town Board of Selectmen for approval. Commissioner Bushway seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
2. There was a discussion of a joint program with the Hampton Historical Society in 2023 as part of the regular HHS program series. The views expressed were positive, and further discussion with HHS is planned.
3. Commissioner Metcalf notified the Commission that the two interpretive signs prepared by the Hampton Historical Society for placement at the Tuck Museum are now in place. Since the Commission has requested that the NHDOT consider using the same sign style for historical markers at the new Hampton Harbor bridge (to document the history of the Underwood Bridge being replaced), he suggested that NHDOT be notified that the signs are available to be seen. The Commission endorsed the idea, and Commissioner Metcalf will send such a notice.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bushway motioned for adjournment at 8:00 PM. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.