

Hampton Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes 12/1/2022

Call to order 7:04 P.M.

Salute to flag was omitted due to no flag being present.

Commissioners Present:

Ann Carnaby

Christine Bushway

Jim Metcalf

Erica DeVries

Katherine Harake

Members of the Public Present:

Betty Moore representing the Hampton Historical Society

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

Approval of November 3, 2022 Minutes

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

Blacksmith Shop

Clarification of the Commission's position regarding the Blacksmith Shop is needed. One commissioner believed that a vote had already been taken to the effect that the Commission was in favor of demolition/abandonment and that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) should be informed of that. A review of the August and September minutes, however, revealed that the vote pertained only to the Cooperage adjacent to the Blacksmith Shop, not to the Shop, itself. The ensuing discussion concluded that the Chair should prepare a letter to the BOS documenting the fact that the Heritage Commission is not in a position to contribute to what may be a significant effort and cost to refurbish the Shop. The Commission can review and discuss the letter at our next meeting.

Hampton "What is it? Where is it?" historic points of interest brochure

Chairperson Carnaby presented a mock-up brochure with 12 entries. \$1000 has been pledged by Experience Hampton to cover graphic arts and printing of 500 copies. The Commission must be responsible for the text and photographs.

The 12 entries were discussed and finalized. The following is a list of assignments for obtaining photos (either taking them or arranging for them to be taken using specs from the graphic artist) and writing the text over the next two months. The Chair will compile and edit the text to make sure the various contributions end up being "one voice".

1. Bound Rock – Commissioner DeVries
2. Old Salt chimney – Commissioner Metcalf
3. Fish House – Commissioner Bushway
4. First NH School – Commissioner Harake
5. Lost as Sea monument – Commissioner Bushway
6. James House – Commissioner DeVries
7. General Moulton marker – Commissioner DeVries
8. Goody Cole stone – Commissioner DeVries
9. Hampton’s marine “Redcoats” (Bicentennial Park) – Commissioner Harake
10. Edward Gove grave Pine Grove Cemetery - Metcalf
11. Casino Ballroom – Commissioner Bushway
12. Grist Mill – Commissioner Harake

Commissioner Harake will also organize the taking of the photographs.

To provide additional time for writeups, no Commission meeting will be held in January.

House Marker Program update

An additional marker application has been received. Chair will process.

Black Heritage Trail

The Chair will contact Black Heritage Trail with a potential invitation to the Commission’s next meeting (February). The goal is to consider, assist, and facilitate a proposal by Black Heritage Trail to the BOS for permission to place a historic marker recognizing a citizen of color who has lived in Hampton. There will be no cost to the town. The Commission had previously voted to back this initiative.

Pictorial History of Hampton and Beach

The Chair was contacted to see if the Commission wanted to participate in what is essentially a “vanity press” pictorial history of Hampton and Hampton Beach locations “then and now”. It was decided that the Commission had no interest in pursuing this project.

Adjournment

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