

April 13, 2023

APPROVED

In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Conor Frain, Lisa Montesanto, Gordon Zuerndorfer, Linda Zuerndorfer, Brenda Perry
Staff in attendance: Kristan Patenaude – Recording Secretary (remote)

1. Roll Call to Order

Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

2. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Will Ludt stated that he would like the Commission to go view the remnants of an old one-room schoolhouse on Pond Parish Road. This will be added onto the list of field trips for the group.

3. Discussion of Curran Property Acquisition

Will Ludt stated that the Amherst Conservation Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Curran property acquisition last night at its meeting. This will also be presented at the Planning Board meeting next week. Each of the three parcels in this property will be bonded by the Town over three years. There is a major historic resource on this property, the old mill. This has already been documented at the State level. The Heritage Commission is being asked to comment on this acquisition because a State law exists that requires that for any demolition or acquisition of land the Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board must review and vote on the proposed project. The Heritage Commission will jointly meet with the Planning Board for this purpose. The mill resource is approximately 30’x80’. There are also two berms holding back water in that area. There are many stone walls on the property as well.

Conor Frain asked if the State report is supposed to be a comprehensive assessment of all three lots. Will Ludt stated that he believes this is the case.

In response to a question from Will Ludt, Town Administrator Dean Shankle explained that, if the acquisition is approved, the financing will determine when taxpayers will see an increase in their bills.

Town Administrator Shankle stated that it is vital the Heritage Commission has a quorum at the joint meeting with the Planning Board next week in order to take a vote and stay on schedule for the acquisition. There is a good chance the joint meeting will be held at Souhegan High School.

4. Preparation for joint meeting with Amherst Planning Board – 19 April 2023

The Commission outlined its preparations for the joint meeting. Will Ludt stated that he will be taking a roll call vote of the Commission during that meeting.

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The Commission agreed to meet for a site walk of the property at 11am on Saturday, April 15th.

5. Minutes March 9, 2023

**Conor Frain moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 9, 2023, as presented.
Seconded by Brenda Perry.**

Vote: 6-0-0; all in favor.

7. Roundtable

Lisa Montesanto stated that the DPW agreed to keep the Commission updated regarding the demolition process for the Cooperage building.

Brenda Perry stated that a Baboosic Lake historian has been posting historical facts on a website. A large dump area has been found near the old pavilion and a map to the area is included on the website. There could be artifacts near the site. She will pass along the link to the Commission.

Gordon Zuerndorfer presented more information on the history of Baboosic Lake, including a rail line that ran nearby, of which remnants may still be visible.

Linda Zuerndorfer stated that she is still looking into an app to hold a scavenger hunt for the Commission.

Gordon Zuerndorfer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Seconded by Conor Frain.

Vote: 6-0-0; all in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude*

Minutes approved: May 11, 2023