

TOWN OF AMHERST
Heritage Commission

August 2, 2023

APPROVED

In attendance: Will Ludt, Conor Frain, Lisa Montesanto, Brenda Perry, Gordon Zuerndorfer, Laura Zuerndorfer

1. Roll Call to Order

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

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

2. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Joint Session of Planning Board and Amherst Heritage Commission, (SHS, Wednesday, 2 August, 2023; 1900); Potential acquisition of the Western Area of the Clearview Property.

The commission was called to order at the joint meeting with the Amherst Planning Board. Planning Board Chair, Arnie Rosenblatt, gave a short introduction as to the evening's procedure and introduced the speaker, Rob Clemens, Amherst Conservation Commission. Rob Clemens proceeded to brief on the expenditure of funds held and controlled by the Conservation Commission for the acquisition of property by the town, to be held and controlled by the Conservation Commission. The Town is considering the purchase of a parcel of land, Tax Map 5, Lot 159-1, the owner of record being Clearview Development Group, LLC, and the Conservation Commission is considering the use of Conservation Fund monies as a deposit upon the execution of a Purchase and Sale agreement for the above-described parcel. The purchase of said parcel will be financed, in part, with bonds authorized by the 2021 Town Meeting vote approving borrowing money for conservation purposes.

The Heritage Commission left the auditorium and reconvened in the Souhegan High School Band Room adjacent to the auditorium to discuss and vote on the potential acquisition.

Will Ludt asked as to the Amherst Land Trust (ALT) interest in the acquisition. Lisa Montesanto stated that the ALT would be the holder of the easement on the property and contributing funds for the procurement. Seeing no other discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to take a vote on the approval of the acquisition.

**Lisa Montesanto moved to approve the acquisition of the Clearview Property.
Seconded by Conor Frain.**

Roll Call Vote: Will Ludt - aye, Conor Frain - aye, Lisa Montesanto - aye, Brenda Perry - aye, Gordon Zuerndorfer - aye, Laura Zuerndorfer – aye (6-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude*