



# **Town of Amherst, NH**

## **HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Town Hall – Landry Conference Room**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members of the commission in attendance included Andy Ouellette, Carolyn Quinn, and Lisa Montesanto.

Chairman Ludt welcomed approximately 20 people in attendance and indicated that the Amherst Heritage Commission was awarded a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant in the Fall of 2014 from the NH Division of Historic Resources to perform a survey of four farmsteads in Town. The grant was provided by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Park Service, and the project was to be completed by September 2015. The project included accurately surveying and documenting agricultural life in Amherst from the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century. All four farmsteads surveyed are eligible for the State Register of Historic Places.

Chairman Ludt introduced Katy Holmes, an Architectural Historian, who served as consultant on the project. Ms. Holmes holds a Master's degree in Preservation Studies from Boston University, an Anthropology degree from Connecticut College, and has 20-plus years of practical experience in the field. Ms. Holmes works for the town of Newton, Massachusetts.

## **II. Topics of Discussion**

- a. Public Session – Presentation of CLG Grant – Four Amherst Farmsteads (1790-1965) Results by Katy Holmes.

Ms. Holmes provided a PowerPoint presentation of the four farmsteads surveyed that included the Parker Farm on Baboosic Lake Road, the Lynch Farm on Lynch Farm Road, the Christian Hill Farm and Stone Farm, both on Christian Hill Road.

Ms. Holmes presented about 50 slides and tied each property to historical themes in the town's development over time, beginning in 1790. Ms. Holmes visited and photographed each historic property and targeted buildings, stone walls, and streetscapes in the defined area. She performed conditions assessments and noted historic exterior design and fabric. A geographical context for the area was also established.

Chairman Ludt thanked the homeowners, and the Amherst historians, Ruslyn Vear, Jackie Marshall, and Katrina Holman for their help and participation and provided each with a

token of appreciation – a glassed ornament depicting a 2013 corn crib. Thanks were also expressed to Katy Holmes for an interesting and thorough presentation.

### **III. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.