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**Town of Amherst  
Historic District Commission  
February 20, 2014, Meeting Minutes**

The Historic District Commission met in the Barbara Landry Meeting Room of the Amherst Town Hall at approximately 7:00 p.m. Members present: Vice Chair Tracy Veillette, Secretary Susan Clark, Selectmen's Representative Tom Grella, Planning Board Representative Sally Wilkins, Member Doug Chabinsky, Member Bruce Fraser, and Alternate Jeanne Rosenblatt.

Members absent: Chairman Jamie Ramsay, Alternate Chris Hall, Alternate Katy Kennedy, Alternate Larry McCoy, and Alternate Helen Rowe.

Alternate Jeanne Rosenblatt voted for Member Jamie Ramsay.

**New Business**

**1. Case #4788-013014 – John Marino, 123 Amherst Street, PIN# 005-033-000 – to repair and remodel fire damage to home.**

Jay Spezzaferri, John Marino, and Aaron Stanick of ACS New England Contractors were the applicant and asked to add to their application the placement of two propane tanks at the back corner of the driveway side of the house with fencing around them. They want to upgrade the heating system from oil to propane. They explained that they were required by the Fire Department to place egress sized windows in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor side and rear windows. The windows will consist of white vinyl with clear grids. In order to receive the energy rating for the house credit, they will need to put in a fiberglass door for its insulation value. There are other measures they could do to come up with the energy rating, but they would have to perform a combination of a variety of other energy saving measures to other parts of the house, but these measures would greatly increase their costs. The house was built in the 1950's. Because of the fire, the house is in need of a lot of work. Structurally, however, the house is solid.

Findings:

1. It is a non-contributing property.
2. This is a visible property from the front.
3. The work being done will be in keeping with the original home.
4. The new windows will match the construction of the remaining windows.
5. The siding will remain the same.

*Upon a motion duly made/seconded (BF/TV), the HDC unanimously approved the application as presented, noting that the propane tanks will be fenced and located against the house in the back on a pad to stabilize them.*

**Old Business**

Upon a motion duly made/seconded (SW/CC), the HDC voted to approve minutes of January 16, 2014 as presented. One abstention.

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50 **Other Business**

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52 Sally reported that she is working on identifying the properties in the Historic District by Tax Map  
53 number, address, and maybe owner's name. This new list will be very helpful in identifying the  
54 historic homes on the registry. Currently the homes are numbered and described by historical  
55 significance, and their location is shown by number on the map. This new list will make it very easy to  
56 further identify the homes in the District.

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58 **Adjourn**

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60 There being no further business to come before the HDC, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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62 Respectfully submitted,

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64 Pam Crook

65 Community Development Secretary

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68 Minutes were approved as presented on March 20, 2014.