

TOWN OF AMHERST  
Amherst Heritage Commission

19 April 2023

**APPROVED**

Commission Members in Attendance: Will Ludt, Conor Frain, Lisa Montesanto, Brenda Perry,  
Gordon Zuerndorfer, Laura Zuerndorfer

**1. Call to Order**

**2. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Joint Session of Planning Board and Amherst Heritage Commission, (SHS, Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 1900); Potential acquisition of land between Baboosic Lake Road, Pond Parish Road and Grater Road- Curran Property**

**3. Minutes:** The commission was called to order at the Joint meeting with the Amherst Planning Board. Mr Arnie Rosenblatt, Chair of the Amherst Planning Board, gave a short introduction as to the evening's procedure and introduced the speaker, Mr Jared Hardner, Chair of the Amherst Conservation Commission. Mr Hardner proceeded to brief the commissions on the proposal to approve/disapprove the potential town acquisition of 3 parcels of land, combined 178 acres for a negotiated price of \$5.4M. After the presentation, Mr Rosenblatt asked if the Heritage Commission had any questions or issues. Seeing none, Mr Ludt thanked Mr Jared Hardner for his presentation. Mr Rossenblatt dismissed the Heritage Commission from the auditorium and to reconvene at the Heritage Commission's time and place of location. The Heritage Commission left the auditorium and reconvened in the Souhegan High School Band Room adjacent to the auditorium

The Heritage Commission reconvened in the Band Room to discuss and vote on the potential acquisition.

Mr Will Ludt presented a short history of the Truell Saw Mill foundation on the property:

- Heritage Commission involvement is predominately to identify any historic resources on the property and to give a recommendation
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century Saw Mill, numerous stonewalls and several foundations
- Site is listed in NHDHR's Archeological Inventory (Site#: 27-HB-0539)
- Saw Mill remains located in Lot 6-7
  - Contains: Breached dam remains, dry laid fieldstone foundation of mill foundation (80' x 30'), soil and stone levy/berm (300') to keep water from flooding road
  - Design is an "undershot wheel" where water moved the wheel from the bottom to achieve its low energy power, vice "overshot wheel" where water moved wheel from water on top- higher energy produced
  - No known documented evidence of early history- need to further research deeds
  - Deed in 1862 of selling of mill from Truell to Charles Converse
  - Appears in 1858 Chase Insurance maps of Amherst, but not in the 1893 map of town
  - Deed stated that mill was abandoned approximately in 1892



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- 70                   ▪ Gordon Zuerndorfer           Yes
- 71                   ▪ Laura Zuerndorfer           Yes

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74   Seeing no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr Gordon Zuerndorfer, and  
75   seconded by Mr Conor Frain. Vote was taken in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned.

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79   *Respectfully submitted,*  
80   *William Ludt, Chair*

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82   Minutes approved: (enter date of meeting at which approved and then go to header, change  
83   DRAFT to APPROVED and include approved date in the footer.