



**Town of Amherst, NH
AMHERST HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
FINAL MINUTES**

Landry Conference Room

Thursday, 14 September 2017, 7:30 PM

Regular Members in attendance were: Will Ludt, Larry McCoy, Mary Mahar, and Lisa Montesanto

Alternate Members in attendance were: John Bement, and Conor Frain

Also in attendance: Simon Corson, Planner

Recorder: Kristan Patenaude

I. Call to Order

Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:29 PM.

II. Topics of Discussion

a. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Mr. Ludt stated that Milford was identified by the National Registry of Historic Places for their swing bridge, as reported in the Cabinet.

b. Election of Heritage Commission Officers

Ms. Mahar nominated Mr. Will Ludt as Chairman of the Heritage Commission, due to his dedication and good communication skills.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Ms. Montesanto to move the nomination.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McCoy and SECONDED by Mr. Bement to nominate Mr. Conor Frain as the Vice-Chairman for the Heritage Commission.
Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

c. Update on Town Hall Vault Project

Mr. Ludt explained that the project is moving along well. Items have been identified and there is now a need for assistance to determine if there are certain

unnecessary items that can be removed. After that a more organized spreadsheet will be created and eventually published on the website.

d. Participation at NAPC's CAMP (Oct-Nov 2017)

Mr. Ludt explained that Amherst was selected for this grant, which will allow consultants to come and evaluate the Historic District's requirements, processes, and local government. There will be a weekend session to do this and the Heritage Commission has been invited.

Mr. Corson stated that the meeting will likely be November 4th from 8-4pm. A pool of preservation specialists will meet with different groups from Amherst on that Saturday.

Mr. Ludt believes this will be a very interesting meeting.

e. Update on Metal Detecting Policy for Amherst

Mr. Ludt stated that this policy is out for final comment by the other Commissions. They have until the 25th to respond. After the comments have been received, the policy will be modified, and discussed in front of the Board of Selectman.

f. Roundtable – Attendance at Other Board/Commissions

Mr. Bement discussed the upcoming Amherst festival on the Green. It is slated to be a great event and will hopefully be bigger in the future.

Ms. Montesanto stated that there will be a silent auction on the Green during the day that will raise replacement funds for the defunct Antiques on the Green.

Ms. Montesanto discussed the upcoming Ciderfest.

She also explained that there will be a fundraiser, by the Chapter of Questers, at the Discover Amherst event to raise money to replace the Brick School window.

Mr. Ludt explained that he attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting, at which they discussed the metal detection policy. Mr. Corson also spoke during the meeting about the GIS mapping updates. Mr. Ludt is going with Mr. Corson on Monday to take measurements on the Plumb Trail.

Mr. Corson explained to the Commission that there are strict rules from the state regarding mapping of heritage sites. It is important to educate the public on these sites, but also important to discourage looting in these areas. He plans to ask the state archaeologist whether to include the GPS coordinates for these locations on the town maps or not.

Mr. Ludt stated that Marie Grella is working to organize a celebration when the Vietnam Memorial mobile wall visits Amherst next year. Mr. Frain is the lead to help with this.

89 Ms. Mahar explained that Ms. Grella is also interested organizing a celebration
90 for the anniversary of WWI in conjunction with this.

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92 Mr. Ludt stated that the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area will be holding
93 their annual meeting on October 24th in Lexington, MA.

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95 **g. Minutes Review/Approval**

96 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Mahar and SECONDED by Mr. Bement to approve*
97 *the minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting as submitted.*

98 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

99 **III. Adjourn**

100 Chairman Ludt adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

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107 *Kristan Patenaude*