



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

Landry Conference Room

Thursday, 12 October 2017, 7:30 PM

Regular Members in attendance were: Will Ludt, Mary Mahar, and Lisa Montesanto
Alternate Members in attendance were: John Bement
Also in attendance: Simon Corson, Planner
Recorder: Kristan Patenaude

I. Call to Order

Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:28 PM.

II. Topics of Discussion

a. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

The Commission discussed Halloween in the town of Amherst, past and present.

b. Update on Town Hall Vault Project

Mr. Ludt stated that this project should be completed within the next 2 months. Next week many of the stakeholders will meet to discuss what was discovered in the vault and their recommendations going forward. Hopefully some of the duplicate items can be removed from the vault. Also, it would be nice to find an antique book cabinet in order to hold certain items of interest. Eventually the public will be able to go online to peruse the items housed in the vault.

c. Participation at NAPC’s CAMP (Nov 2017)

Mr. Corson explained that this program is being pushed back to January, due to attendance issues. The program is being offered to members of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Heritage Commission, the Historic District Commission and others. The plan is to meet on a Saturday for the full-day.

d. Combined Heritage Commission/HDC Holiday Meeting

Mr. Ludt stated that last year the Heritage Commission and the Historic District Commission met at the Brick School for a holiday get-together. After discussing

45 it with the rest of the Commission, it was decided that the invite would be sent
46 again this year.

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48 **e. Conditional Use Application Comments**

49 Mr. Ludt explained that the Community Development office sent the Commission
50 a conditional use application for comments. This property is off of Mont Vernon
51 Road and is proposed to have 8-10 developed sites.

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53 Ms. Montesanto stated that she drove by the site and saw part of a stone wall but
54 couldn't tell exactly if the proposed driveway would intersect it. The stone wall
55 does look old and possibly like a boundary.

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57 Mr. Ludt explained that if it is a boundary wall the Planning Board will need to
58 give their approval.

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60 **f. Roundtable – Attendance at Other Boards/Commissions**

61 Mr. Ludt stated that the Commission will discuss their 2018 budget with Mr.
62 Grella and work with Mr. Jim O'Mara.

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64 Mr. Ludt discussed his attendance at the Conservation Commission and the
65 Historic District Commission.

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67 Mr. Bement explained that the Discover Amherst event was a success. The group
68 plans to enlarge it and make more like an Old Home Days event for next year. Mr.
69 Ludt stated that he would like for the Heritage Commission to have a table next
70 year.

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72 Ms. Montesanto stated that the Ciderfest was also a success.

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74 **g. Final Update on Metal Detecting Policy for Amherst**

75 Mr. Ludt explained that he has received comments back from the stakeholders
76 and has thus modified the document.

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78 In response to a question from Mr. Ludt, Mr. Corson stated that, as currently
79 written, this policy would prohibit unqualified people from metal detecting in
80 town.

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82 Mr. Bement stated that he would like for the policy to start off stricter and agrees
83 with the intent as presented.

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85 In response to a question from Mr. Ludt, Mr. Corson explained that this ordinance
86 is in some ways for the police and in some ways for the Board of Selectmen to
87 state what occurs on public lands in town.

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89 Mr. Corson stated that when the policy is presented, the Commission might ask
90 for a letter of support from DHR.

91 Mr. Ludt discussed the snowshoe event sponsored by the Commission in
92 January/February. The Commission agreed to sponsor the event again this year.
93 Mr. Corson suggested merging the event with a trail-of-the-month outing.
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95 **h. Minutes Review/Approval – 14 September 2017**

96 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Mahar and SECONDED by Mr. Bement to accept*
97 *the meeting minutes from September 14, 2017 as amended.*

98 *Voting: all aye. Motion carried unanimously.*
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100 **III. Adjournment**

101 *The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.*
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113 *Respectfully submitted,*

114 *Kristan Patenaude*