



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

Landry Conference Room

Thursday, 9 November 2017, 7:30 PM

Regular Members in attendance were: Will Ludt, Tom Grella, and Lisa Montesanto
Alternate Members in attendance were: 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. Update on Town Hall Vault Project

Mr. Ludt explained that this project should be finishing up within the next month to month-and-a-half. The group will present the finished project to the Board of Selectmen in December for recommendations. The vault is now very orderly and things are well labeled. DPW has been helping to remove old, broken shelves, and replace them with new ones. The new aide lists will list all of the vault documents by age/description/etc. This information will eventually be available on the website too. They are searching for a late 19th century style bookcase in order to display certain vault items.

Mr. Frain and Ms. Montesanto volunteered to help move some books up to the top shelves for a couple of hours at an upcoming date.

b. Metal Detecting Policy for Amherst Update

Mr. Ludt explained that the policy is in its final draft stage. After receiving a bit more input from the DHR, Mr. Ludt will begin the process to get the policy approved.

c. Combined Heritage Commission/HDC Meeting – 14 December 2017

Mr. Ludt talked with Mr. Jamie Ramsay regarding the combined meeting with the HDC and they set a date of December 14th at the Brick School.

Mr. Corson stated that the CAMP meeting is currently scheduled for January 6th, so this combined meeting could be a good time to prepare for that.

Mr. Ludt asked the Commission to consider any possible topics they'd like to discuss at the joint meeting.

d. "Throw Back" Thursday – Amherst Heritage

The Commission watched a short video from the Freedom's Way National Heritage, regarding the development of community in the area.

e. Roundtable – Attendance at Other Board/Commissions

Mr. Ludt explained that he received Mr. Andy Ouellette's letter of resignation from the Commission.

Mr. Corson discussed the Community Development Office's Bike and Pedestrian Survey. He stated that, currently, the Office has received about 260 completed surveys. He's hoping the Commission members could garner interest in filling out the surveys in any other groups they are involved in around town.

In response to a question from Ms. Montesanto, Mr. Corson stated that the goal for this survey is to, ultimately, create a bike and pedestrian master plan. It will contain information on both trails and roads in town.

In response to a question from Mr. Frain, Mr. Corson stated that the survey will be available for probably another month or so.

Mr. Ludt explained that he is planning to attend North Hampton's Heritage Commission meeting on January 18, 2018 at 9:30. Anyone who wishes to attend may travel with Mr. Ludt to the meeting.

Mr. Ludt stated that the Board of Selectmen is currently very busy with their budget process. He also attended a Conservation Commission meeting, during which they discussed their budget, the conservation plan, and trail development.

Mr. Frain stated that he took his children trick-or-treating in the Village for Halloween and enjoyed walking around the town.

In response to a question from Mr. Ludt, Mr. Grella stated that the clean-up from the storm is going along well. The town is hoping to be reimbursed by FEMA for recovery assistance efforts.

f. Minutes Review/Approval – 12 October 2017

A MOTION was made by Mr. Frain and SECONDED by Ms. Montesanto to accept the meeting minutes from October 12, 2017 as amended.

Voting: all aye. Motion carried unanimously.

93 **III. Adjournment**

94 Mr. Ludt adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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100 Kristan Patenaude