



Town of Amherst, NH

Heritage Commission

Draft Minutes

Barbara Landry Meeting Room

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Regular Members in attendance were: Conor Frain, and Lisa Montesanto.

Alternate Members in attendance were: John Bement

Also in attendance: Simon Corson, Planner

Recorder: Kristan Patenaude

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Conor Frain called the meeting to order sharply at 7:34 PM.

II. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Mr. Simon Corson shared with the group that there is a map, Living Atlas, which shows all of the world conflicts through history. He believes it could be an interesting tool to use similarly for a history of Amherst.

Mr. Frain stated that it was recently he and his families’ 3rd anniversary of moving to Amherst – so that is a “throwback” event for him.

III. Heritage Commission Mapping Resource – Community Development

Mr. Corson stated that is has been continuing to work on this mapping resource and will add the histories gathered by the Commission members to it shortly. He hopes to have it live and ready to go within the next couple of months.

The group discussed how many more properties they would like to research for the project. They mentioned different groups (interns, high school students) who could be utilized to help in the research phase of this project.

IV. Support for Potential New Walking Bridge at Peabody Mill

Mr. John Bement stated that the plan is to replace and move the bridge on the Highland Trail (storybook trail) closer to the sluiceway. This will allow visitors to see more of the significant stone work and history of the area. The hope is for this project to be complete in July.

32 **V. Heritage Commission Support to FWNHA “Hidden Treasures 2018” on 12 May 2018**

33 Mr. Frain explained that he will be available on Saturday at 10am to help with this hike.
34 There will be handouts, signage and an attendance sheet for the event.
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36 **VI. Roundtable Discussions and Topics**

37 Ms. Montesanto explained that the museum will be opening this Saturday for the
38 Freedom’s Way event. Also the 3rd graders will be visiting the museum next week for
39 History Week.
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41 Mr. Bement stated that Amherst’s Old Home Day event will be happening on September 8.
42 They hope it will involve all civic organizations from around town and be a great family
43 event.
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45 Mr. Frain stated that he may know of a new possible member for the Commission, coming
46 from his neighborhood.
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48 Mr. Bement explained that he walked around the Green and noticed 2 stand-alone lights
49 that may be good potential trail lights for Chris Buchanan’s historic lighting project. The
50 group agreed to discuss these lights as potentials with Mr. Buchanan.
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52 **VII. Minutes Approval – 12 April 2018**

53 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Bement and SECONDED by Ms. Montesanto to approve the*
54 *meeting minutes from April 12, 2018 as written.*
55 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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58 *The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.*
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63 *Respectfully submitted,*
64 *Kristan Patenaude*