

Town of Amherst, NH  
Heritage Commission  
Final Minutes  
Felix Hertzka Conference Room  
Thursday, June 13, 2018

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

Alternate Members in attendance were: John Bement

Also in attendance: Simon Corson

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman, Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**II. “Throw Back” Wednesday – Amherst Heritage**

Mr. Ludt introduced the idea of an Amherst Timeline inspired by similar tool used by the North Hampton Heritage Commission. The tool could be helpful to outline Amherst history in a clear and interactive format. There discussion about how a timeline tool could be created using the ESRI software used by the Community Development Department.

**III. Heritage Commission Mapping Resource – Community Development**

Mr. Simon Corson discussed the progression of a mapping project that will convert the Historic Resource Survey into ESRI’s StoryMap format. Simon reported that the initial base map is near completion.

**IV. Project Status Updates**

**i. Support for Potential New Walking Bridge at Peabody Mill**

Mr. Ludt went on a walk with Conservation Commissioners Frank Montesanto, and Rob Clemens at Peabody Mill. They discussed the bridge project as well as how the Heritage and Conservation Commission can work together to identify historic resources on conserved land. Mr. Bement commented that this bridge is a big improvement compared with the former structure.

**ii. Support for Potential Trail Spur off of Josiah Parker Trail to Corn Crib**

Mr. Ludt reported that the Heritage Commission is responsible for researching and developing a sign for the site. Mr. Ludt noted that having discussions with the ACC around preserving and identifying resources for the public accomplishes the Heritage Commission’s goal of collaboration with other Town commissions.

**V. Heritage Commission – Chair Comments**

Mr. Ludt announced that the July Heritage Commission Meeting is cancelled.

**VI. Roundtable Discussions and Topics**

Mr. Frain shared that he was contacted by a resident that may be interested in joining the Heritage Commission. If the potential member decides they would like to join, Mr. Frain will direct the resident to email the Board of Selectmen.

John Bement shared that the Amherst Historical Society will be having an event on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The event will feature walking tours of Amherst Village, family activities, historical reenactor, craft booths and will culminate with a Community Supper and Silent Auction on the Village Green. Tickets are available for the Community Supper on the Historical Society's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Simon Corson