



# Town of Amherst, NH

## Heritage Commission

### Final Minutes

Barbara Landry Meeting Room

Thursday, August 9, 2018

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

2 Alternate Members in attendance were: John Bement

3 Also in attendance: Simon Corson, Planner

4 Recorder: Kristan Patenaude

#### 5 6 **I. Call to Order**

7 Vice-Chairman Conor Frain called the meeting to order sharply at 7:28 PM.

#### 8 9 **II. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage**

10 There were no “throw back” Thursday memories shared.

#### 11 12 **III. Heritage Commission Mapping Resource – Community Development**

13 Mr. Corson explained that the base map for this resource has been completed. The next  
14 step will be to turn the map into an app and release it. The Heritage Commission will be the  
15 owners of this resource and will hopefully be able to add to it over time. The plan should  
16 be to promote this resource and get it out to people so they can use it. Mr. Corson stated  
17 that he will look through some map templates in order to choose one that fits the project  
18 well. He could be able to show this to the Commission at their next meeting, or through a  
19 shareable link.

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21 In response to a question from Mr. Frain, Mr. Corson stated that the Commission should  
22 think about how best to promote this new app. Also, the app could be used to advertise  
23 events for other groups in town, such as the Historical Society.

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25 In response to a question from Ms. Montesanto, Mr. Corson stated that he would hope to  
26 eventually turn the editing of the app resource over to the Commission.

#### 27 28 **IV. Support to Historical Society – “Old Home Days” – 9 September 2018**

29 Mr. John Bement explained that the Amherst Old Home Day Festival will take place on  
30 September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be many events and activities, and many of the town groups are  
31 involved. Ms. Marti Warren suggested having a panel of people talk about living/growing  
32 up in Amherst and their trials/tribulations while doing so. It would be a fun and educational  
33 event. The Heritage Commission could be an excellent producer of such an event.

34 In response to a question from Mr. Frain, Mr. Bement stated that there could be a  
35 moderator for this event, who could simply ask for favorite stories of Amherst from the  
36 panel. The discussion would probably take off on interesting topics from there.  
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38 **V. Potential for New Heritage Commission Member**

39 Mr. Frain explained the potential new member couldn't attend the night's meeting, but  
40 hopes to make it to the next one.  
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42 **VI. Roundtable Discussions and Topics**

43 Mr. Corson updated the Commission on many Community Development initiatives and  
44 projects, including the stormwater permit notice of intent, the bike/ped master plan and its  
45 grant application status.  
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47 Mr. Bement ran through some of the events being offered at Old Home Days, such as craft  
48 vendors, a British reenactment, 3 concerts, colonial kid's games, a disc golf tournament, a  
49 fundraising dinner on the Green, and walking tours through the town.  
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51 **VII. Minutes Approval – 12 April 2018**

52 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Mahar and SECONDED by Mr. Bement to approve the*  
53 *meeting minutes from June 13, 2018 as written.*

54 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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57 *The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.*  
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62 *Respectfully submitted,*  
63 *Kristan Patenaude*