



# Town of Amherst, NH

## Heritage Commission

### Final Minutes

#### Brick School Community Room

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Regular Members in attendance were: Will Ludt, Mary Mahar, Lisa Montesanto, and Tom Grella – BOS, Ex-officio.

Also in attendance: Historic District Commission (HDC) Rep: Chris Hall

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:30 PM. Chairman Ludt welcomed Chris Hall who was in attendance from the HDC and announced that there were “Holiday Treats” at the table and that coffee and water will be provided.

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

Chairman Ludt asked if anyone had a “Throw Back” Thursday Amherst Heritage topic to be discussed. Seeing none, Chairman Ludt offered that the 2018 Moose Plate Grant had been completed. Three heritage documents from the Town Hall vault and two from the Town Library were preserved, digitized and microfilmed from the grant. The microfilm was sent to the New Hampshire State Library for their archives and use. All of the documents were digitized for public use and can be found under the Heritage Commission web page at: <https://www.amherstnh.gov/heritage-commission/pages/amherst-heritage-commission-moose-plate-grant>. The Amherst Heritage Commission would like to thank with much appreciation the State Library who funded the grant and the world class preservation, conservation, digitization and microfilming consultants, Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) and Hudson Archival.

#### **III. Joint HDC and Heritage Commissions Discussions**

##### **1. Future Plans Heading into 2019**

Discussion centered on the 2019 planned efforts for the Heritage Commission. Efforts include: a) Continue to attend other town boards and commissions meetings. Also continue to engage NHDHR and the public; b) continue to enhance and digitize the Historic Resource Survey with mapping and data information; c) finalize the Brick School front porch door and window project; d) continue to support the Community Development Office with comments to Building Applications and assist with the 2019 Perambulation effort; e) and enhance the New Hampshire DHR and DES efforts for a state wide program to identify stone walls using LiDAR imagery.

34 The HDC will complete their CLG grant in 2019 evaluating their processes and data as it  
35 pertains to the boundaries of the Historic District.  
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## 37 **2. Stonewall LiDAR Identification Training**

38 Chairman Ludt announced that remaining funds from a CAMP grant can be used to  
39 contract with the NRPC to conduct training for the state stone wall identification and  
40 mapping software currently being developed under a NHDES grant. Training will be  
41 conducted at NRPC in January or February 2019. A maximum of 15 slots for training will be  
42 allocated. Organizations will be invited to send 1 or 2 reps for the training. Heritage  
43 Commission will have the bulk of the slots. More detail to follow.  
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## 45 **3. Joint Mutual Support Efforts**

46 Potential areas for joint support effort included: a) supporting HDC efforts to assist in  
47 the execution of their current Historic District grant; b) possible joint support of the  
48 Perambulation effort in 2019; c) and possible support in providing information to enhancing  
49 the Heritage Commission Historic Resource Survey in digital form.  
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## 51 **IV. Minutes Approval – 8 November 2018**

52 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Mahar and SECONDED by Ms. Montesanto to approve the*  
53 *meeting minutes from November 8, 2018 as written.*

54 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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## 56 **V. December Holiday Get Together with HDC**

57 Chairman Ludt closed the formal part of the meeting by inviting members to partake in  
58 holiday cheer and company. All members participated.  
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61 *The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.*  
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66 *Respectfully submitted,*  
67 *Will Ludt, Chair*