



# **Town of Amherst, NH**

## **Heritage Commission**

### **Final Minutes**

**Barbara Landry Conference Room**

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

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

Also in attendance: Planner, Simon Corson

Recorder: Kristan Patenaude

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

Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:30 PM.

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

Mr. Corson explained that he found the old water district records for the town. Chairman Ludt stated that he would like to place those records into the vault.

Chairman Ludt stated that he has been working with Steve Najjar of the New Boston Air Force Base, to find the boundary markers between Amherst and the Base. Director of Community Development, Gordon Leedy, will soon be working on perambulation of the town.

#### **III. Topics of Discussion**

##### **1. NH Stone Wall Identification Training Session**

Chairman Ludt stated that the training for the stone wall identification software will take place next week. Currently there are 11 people signed up.

##### **2. Things to Look Forward to in 2019**

- **Initial Town Master Plan Support**

Chairman Ludt stated that the Commission will review what was done for the 2010 Master Plan and determine what is still applicable and what needs to be revised.

- **Amherst Stone Wall Identification Project**

Chairman Ludt explained that during the stone wall software training people will hopefully be assigned to sections in town to start the project. This will be a 1-2 year project.

- **Amherst Historic Resources Mapping Support**

Chairman Ludt stated that he has volunteered to get trained by Mr. Corson on how to add to/edit the Historic Resources map. He would also like to work to get some information from Katrina Holman to add as attachments.

- **Metal Detecting Policy for Amherst**

Chairman Ludt explained that he's hoping to work on this further with the new Town Administrator. He is hoping this will be a policy, not an ordinance.

- **Support to New Town Administrator**

Chairman Ludt stated that he will set up a time to meet with the new Town Administrator. Also, there is a new alternate member to the Planning Board, Brian Coogan.

- **Brick School Front Door and Window Project**

Chairman Ludt stated that he has been in talks to get a solid date as to when this project can begin.

- **Perambulation Assistance**

Chairman Ludt explained that he would like for the Commission to help Mr. Leedy with this project. It will include document management of boundary markers.

Mr. Frain questioned if there could be other applications for the LiDAR training beyond stone walls, such as for cellar holes, railbeds, logging trails, quarries, etc. Mr. Corson agreed that this was a great question to bring up at the training.

Chairman Ludt explained that there will be a future Planning Board public hearing regarding a modification to the IIHO policy. He hopes that the Commission will attend.

#### **IV. Minutes Approval – 13 December 2018**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **V. Roundtable Discussion**

Mr. Corson stated that the Community Development Office should be finding out soon if the Town was awarded the grant for the Bike/Ped Plan.

Ms. Montesanto stated that she's interested to hear ideas for preservation or restoration projects for the Commisison.

Ms. Patenaude stated that the deadline for the Bertha Rogers Trust Fund will be March 22, 2019.

Chairman Ludt explained that he attended the Conservation Commission meeting last night. They discussed that there is a proposed development on Route 122. There are three buildings currently on the property that will be maintained (1 house, 2 sheds).

Chairman Ludt also attended the Board of Selectmen meeting earlier this week. They appointed the alternate Planning Board member, discussed funds for the Church Steeple work, and also had a lively conversation regarding a Letter to the Editor.

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