



Town of Amherst, NH

Heritage Commission

Final Minutes

Barbara Landry Conference Room

Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

Alternate Members: John Bement

Also in attendance: Planner, Simon Corson, and Recorder, Kristan Patenaude

I. Call to Order

Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:29 PM.

II. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Chairman Ludt handed out bookmarks from the LiDAR stone wall mapping project that he created.

III. Topics of Discussion

1. Lighting Proposal for Village

Chairman Ludt explained that Chris Buchanan met with the group last April regarding a town lighting project. He has recently gotten back in touch with the Commission and is hoping for their support in moving forward with the project. This project is supported by the Historic District Commission. Mr. Bement and Ms. Montesanto volunteered to be the lead persons from the Heritage Commission to aid Mr. Buchanan in this project. Currently, the hope is to install one pathfinder light in the Village and see what the opinion of the public is.

In response to a comment from Mr. Grella, Mr. Corson stated that he will discuss the project with DPW Director, Eric Hahn.

2. Feedback on NH Stone Wall Identification Training Session – 19 January 2019

Mr. Frain stated that he found the training to be helpful. The group discussed that the resolution of the LiDAR in some areas seems to be poor and is causing a bit of trouble identifying certain stone walls.

Chairman Ludt stated that the next phase of the project is to go out in the field and continue to use LiDAR to identify the stone walls in town.

34 **3. Stone Wall Identification Meeting for the Public – March 2019 Meeting**

35 Chairman Ludt stated that there's been some chatter on Facebook regarding interest in
36 stone wall projects. He is recommending at the next meeting to invite the public to discuss
37 the project and its findings.
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39 Ms. Montesanto suggested inviting the public be pushed to either the April or May
40 meeting. The Commission agreed.
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42 **4. Potential Field Site Visit by James Gage, Patch Hill Quarry**

43 Chairman Ludt suggested a "field trip" for the Commission in June to visit the Patch Hill
44 quarries. In updating the Historic Resources Survey with ArcGIS, it was noted that the
45 quarries aren't currently identified on it, and this would be a chance to update it with this
46 information.
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48 **5. Milestone Schedule/Assignments for 2019 Projects**

- 49 • Town Master Plan (2020) – in the fall the Commission will review its contribution
50 to the last Master Plan.
- 51 • Brick School door and window project – Chairman Ludt and Ms. Montesanto are
52 the leads for this project. Work should begin next week.
- 53 • Metal Detecting Policy – Chairman Ludt and Mr. Bement are the leads for this
54 project.
- 55 • Patch Hill Quarry "field trip" – Chairman Ludt is the lead.
- 56 • Amherst Historic Resource Mapping Support – Mr. Frain and Mr. Bement are the
57 leads.
- 58 • Stone Wall Identification Project – All Commissioners are involved in this project.
- 59 • Perambulation Assistance – Mr. Frain, and Chairman Ludt will assist Gordon Leedy
60 with this project.
- 61 • Village Lighting – Ms. Montesanto and Mr. Bement will aid Mr. Buchanan with
62 this project.
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64 **6. Potential New Member of Heritage Commission and Resignation**

65 Chairman Ludt stated that Larry McCoy has formally resigned from his position on the
66 Heritage Commission.

67 Brenda Perry is a new potential member for the Commission. She will write a letter to the
68 Board of Selectmen in order to be formally appointed to the Commission as an alternate
69 member.
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71 **IV. Minutes Approval – 13 December 2018 and 10 January 2019**

72 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Mahar and SECONDED by Ms. Montesanto to approve the*
73 *meeting minutes of December 13, 2018 as written.*

74 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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76 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Frain and SECONDED by Mr. Bement to approve the*
77 *meeting minutes of January 10, 2019 as written.*

78 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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80 **V. Roundtable Discussion**

81 The Commission discussed the paper mill industry in the state, after Mr. Frain brought up a
82 book he is currently reading, *You Had a Job for Life*.

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84 Mr. Grella reminded the group that town voting day is March 12, 2019 from 6am-8pm at
85 Souhegan High School.

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87 Ms. Patenaude explained to the group that the town-wide cleanup day will take place again
88 this year, probably sometime in May.

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91 *The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*

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96 *Respectfully submitted,*
97 *Kristan Patenaude*