



Town of Amherst, NH

Heritage Commission

FINAL Minutes

Barbara Landry Conference Room

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Regular Members in attendance were: Will Ludt, Conor Frain, Brenda Perry and Tom Grella- BOS Ex Officio.

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:37 PM.

II. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

The Commission welcomed new alternate member, Brenda Perry, to the group.

III. Topics of Discussion

1. Lighting Proposal for Village

Mr. Chris Buchanan updated the Commission on the Village lighting proposal. He stated that he met with Town Administrator Shankle, DPW Director Eric Hahn, and Community Development Director Gordon Leedy regarding the prospect. He found out that Mr. Hahn was also looking into a similar project on his own. The idea seemed well received within the group. They examined some lighting options and found that a standard bulb would be able to be used, thus allowing for flexibility in the desired brightness. The town is interested in procuring 2 lanterns to try on a demo basis.

Town Administrator Shankle stated that Mr. Hahn is planning to choose a configuration that will not lose any illumination around the Green, and that will also not involve Eversource. The group reviewed the lighting project completed in Bedford and all agreed that they liked the design.

Mr. Buchanan stated that they would like for the demo to be privately funded. Two lanterns would cost approximately \$2,400. The group will meet again to discuss funding strategies.

Chairman Ludt is hoping that the Heritage Commission can brainstorm on some ideas for demo locations and funding sources.

Town Administrator Shankle stated that one possible demo location discussed is directly across from Town Hall at the gate entrance to the Green. Mr. Frain agreed that would be an easy location to direct people to, in order to get opinions.

Mr. Buchanan stated that the lanterns will take approximately 2 months to be made, once a style is decided on and a funding source is approved. Mr. Corson explained that a qualified vendor list will be important when going out to bid on the project.

2. Field Site Visit by James Gage, Patch Hill Quarry

Chairman Ludt stated that the field site visit will take place on June 8th, with a rain date of June 15th. The group will meet at 10:30am at the Patch Hill parking lot. James Gage will lead the group on a walk and talk for about 1-1.5 hours. This event will be open to the Town Commissions at first, but he would like to eventually open it to the public as well. The group will take pictures during the walk to add into the Historic Resource Survey.

3. Milestone Schedule/Assignments for 2019 Projects

Chairman Ludt explained that Ms. Mahar met with Mr. Leedy regarding the Master Plan, but found that it is on the backburner for the next year or 2.

The work on the Brick School window has started and will be worked on for the next couple of weeks.

There has been some additional work on the Historic Resource mapping project by Mr. Corson and Mr. Bement.

The stone wall mapping project will be completed by the end of March or beginning of April. The plan is then to have a public meeting with feedback on the project.

4. Potential New Member of Heritage Commission

Ms. Brenda Perry introduced herself and the group welcomed her to the Commission.

5. Minutes: 14 February 2019

A MOTION was made by Mr. Frain and SECONDED by Mr. Grella to accept the meeting minutes from February 14, 2019 as written.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

6. Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Corson stated that he has updated the map a bit and added icons to match the categories. He also explained that there is a New England ARC GIS user group which will be having a spring conference in May in Keene. He has submitted an abstract to present at the conference, which will show how maps are working in concert with the Historic District in a tabular way. He will also present the Heritage map to show how to inventory cultural and historic resources, in hopes of de-mystifying the process.

Ms. Patenaude stated that the date for the Town-wide Cleanup Day has been chosen as May 4, 2019 from 8am-12pm.

Town Administrator Shankle talked with the group about road layouts in town, in regards to who owns trees on certain roads.

78 Chairman Ludt stated that he will recommend Mr. Bement be moved to a regular member
79 of the Commission at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. The Planning Board recently
80 approved a parking lot expansion at LaBelle Winery. Also, Old Home Days will take place
81 on September 7, 2019 and will be put on by the Historical Society.
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91 *Kristan Patenaude*