

TOWN OF AMHERST  
Heritage Commission

December 12, 2019

**APPROVED**

In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, John Bement, Mary Mahar, Tom Grella, and Lisa Montesanto.  
Staff in attendance: Kristan Patenaude – Minute Taker  
Family in attendance: Jeanne Ludt, Christopher Montesanto, and Dave Mcnamara.

Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

**1. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage**

Chairman Ludt thanked the family guests for attending the meeting. He also stated that the Heritage Commission’s annual report is due January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Will Ludt showed the group an old picture of the bridge that currently runs across the golf course on Ponemah Road. Tom Grella explained that the golf course began around 1970. Will Ludt noted that the bridge was no longer allowed for vehicles to cross in the late 60’s or early 70’s.

**2. Minutes: 14 November 2019**

**Mary Mahar moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2019, as amended [Line 117, replace “Historical Society” with “Heritage Commission”]. John Bement seconded.  
All in favor.**

**3. Chair Topics and Discussion/Roundtable**

Will Ludt noted that the Heritage Commission will change to their new start time of 6:30pm in January 2020.

Will Ludt reviewed the Commission yearly activities including: stone wall training, collaboration with the Historic District Commission on new lampposts in front of Town Hall, appointing a new alternate member, Brenda Perry, a public meeting regarding stone wall identification and GIS mapping, a meeting out at Patch Hill with James Gage, and videos with *Amherst Beyond the Common*.

Will Ludt noted two of the unsung heroes of the Heritage Commission, Kristan Patenaude and Joe Cummings, videographer.

Will Ludt noted that the Commission will work with the ACC in the spring to create the spur trail to the Corn Crib. They will also continue to give their support to other Commission and Boards.

Will Ludt stated that the Commission will also work with the ACC to evaluate the second building on the site of the Corn Crib. The Commission will then recommend to the ACC if the building is worth preserving or demolishing.

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Also in 2020, the Commission will work with the Historical Society to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. The hope is to celebrate women in Amherst who made a difference. There is a possibility of holding a public event/BBQ on the Bertha Rogers land. This could be turned into a fundraiser, with funds to go towards projects such as the renovation of the second Corn Crib building (if deemed to be necessary), or the Brick School front foyer.

**The meeting was adjourned for Holiday Cheer at 7:55 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Patenaude

Minutes approved: January 9, 2020