

TOWN OF AMHERST  
Heritage Commission

June 11, 2020

**APPROVED**

In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Lisa Montesanto, Brenda Perry, Tom Grella – BOS Ex-Officio.  
Staff in attendance: Dean Shankle – Town Administrator, Kristan Patenaude – minute taker.

Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Roll call: Will Ludt, Lisa Montesanto, Tom Grella, and Brenda Perry – all present and alone.**

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

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

Will Ludt discussed what year the town library was built. Tom Grella noted that the first free library run by a town was in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

**2. Review of Heritage Commission’s “Rules of Procedure – 2002”**

The Commission agreed to wait to discuss the revised Rules of Procedure until more Commissioners are available.

**3. Discussion of Metal Detecting Policy**

Will Ludt explained that he spoke with Town Administrator Shankle regarding the way ahead to get a policy/ordinance to implement. He suggested that the Commission establish a sub-committee to review the draft policy in hopes of presenting it to the full Commission and, eventually, the Board of Selectmen. He will resend the draft policy to the full group and ask for volunteers at the next meeting.

**4. Minutes: 14 May 2020**

**Tom Grella moved to approve the May 14, 2020, minutes as printed. Lisa Montesanto seconded.  
All in favor.**

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

Brenda Perry thanked the Heritage Commission on behalf of the Amherst Garden Club, for its donation to the community gardens.

Tom Grella stated that the Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing regarding impact fees on Monday, June 15, 2020.

Town Administrator Shankle stated that the townspeople have been very patient with the town during the time of this pandemic. He appreciates everyone’s patience during this time.

Will Ludt explained that Amy Dixon, his contact at DHR (Division of Historical Resources) has said that there will be a meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> regarding community heritage and best practices.

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44 Will Ludt explained that the Heritage Commission will not meet in July, as it hasn't for a number  
45 of years.

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47 **Brenda Perry moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Lisa Montesanto seconded.**  
48 **All in favor.**

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53 *Respectfully submitted,*

54 *Kristan Patenaude*

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56 Minutes approved: September 10, 2020