

TOWN OF AMHERST
Heritage Commission

February 11, 2021

APPROVED

In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Lisa Montesanto, Brenda Perry, and Conor Frain.
Staff in attendance: Natasha Kypfer – Town Planner, and Kristan Patenaude – minute taker.

1. Roll Call to Order

Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm., with the following statement. As Chair of the Amherst Heritage Commission, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by various Executive Orders, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are: Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.

All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone #312-626-6799 and password 828 4365 0655, or by clicking on the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/82843650655> that was included in the public notice of this meeting. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Planning Board at: www.amherstnh.gov. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access: If anybody has a problem, please call 603-341-5290.

Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote. Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to- Know law.

Roll call attendance: Will Ludt, Conor Frain, Brenda Perry, and Lisa Montesanto – all present.

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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

2. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Will Ludt stated that the Town has been awarded CLG Grants in the past – 2009, 2016, and 2019. It will apply for another CLG Grant this March. The applications over the years have been for a wide-variety of subjects. He noted that DHR has been very good to Amherst and the Heritage Commission over the years.

3. Establish Cooperage Task Force (CTF) for Corn Crib

Will Ludt explained that Tom Grella has been working with Rolf Biggers to get an accurate drawing of the structure. The group needs to get an assessment of the tree that is directly near the Cooperage. There are some starter funds that have been received, in the form of a donation and some funds from the Conservation Commission. The Cooperage Task Force will need to coordinate with the DPW on this project. Brenda Perry, Lisa Montesanto, and Conor Frain all agreed to help with the Task Force.

4. CLG Grant Submittal – 18 February 2021

Will Ludt stated that the CLG Grant submittal is almost complete. Town Administrator Shankle has signed off on it. The Commission will work with NRPC moving forward on this project. An end phase of the grant will be to have one or two public meetings to introduce the project to the Town.

5. Black History Event with NBAFS – 20 February 2021 @ 1000

Will Ludt reviewed directions for the event with the group.

6. Chair Topics and Discussion/Roundtable

Will Ludt noted that the Town has decided to find a third-party consultant to get help with distilling the Master Plan survey data and determining next steps.

Natasha Kypfer noted that, once the data is sorted through, hopefully themes will be determined and working groups will be sought. Will Ludt stated that there will hopefully be a group that deals with historic/heritage aspects of the Town that members of the Commission can participate in.

Will Ludt explained that Liz Larson has decided to resign from her alternate position on the Commission. The Commission currently has two open alternate positions to fill.

7. Minutes: 14 January 2021

Conor Frain moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2021. Lisa Montesanto seconded.

Roll call: Will Ludt – aye; Lisa Montesanto – aye; Conor Frain – aye; and Brenda Perry – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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89 **Conor Frain moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Brenda Perry seconded.**
90 **Roll call: Conor Frain – aye; Lisa Montesanto – aye; Brenda Perry – aye; and Will**
91 **Ludt – aye. Motion carried unanimously.**
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93 *Respectfully submitted,*
94 *Kristan Patenaude*
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96 Minutes approved: March 11, 2011