

February 10, 2022

**APPROVED**

1 In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Lisa Montesanto, Gordon Zuerndorfer, Laura Zuerndorfer  
2 (alternate), Conor Frain, and Tom Grella – Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio.

3 Staff in attendance: Kristan Patenaude – Recording Secretary (remote).

4 Also in attendance: Sara Siskavich, and Tyrel Borowitz, NRPC; and Taylor Hardner.

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6 **1. Roll Call to Order**

7 Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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9 **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

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11 **2. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage –**

12 Conor Frain noted that on February 16, 1791 William Gordon was appointed the first Postmaster  
13 in Amherst. There was no Post Office in Town. The first Post Office in Town was placed in  
14 August 1881 at Amherst Station.

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16 Will Ludt showed the Commission a team photo from 2014. He would like to take a team photo  
17 at a heritage site in Town.

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19 **3. CLG Grant Update – Review of in-kind hours**

20 Sara Siskavich introduced Tyrel Borowitz, who has been helping to work on this project. She  
21 explained that the group is at the halfway point of the grant. The second phase will include an  
22 interactive mapping product, including scanned maps from Town records.

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24 Sara Siskavich explained that the map currently consists of 373 data points. There could be a tab  
25 including place names. Approximately 6% of all residential homes in Town are pinned on this  
26 map. She would like to get the assessing data to see if there is additional data to be added. All but  
27 63 of the pins currently have pictures associated with them. She would like to continue amassing  
28 these pictures before readying a final draft of the map.

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30 Taylor Hardner reviewed the draft website. She explained that there can be a video placed on the  
31 homepage. She asked for additional photos or materials to be sent to her for inclusion.

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33 **4. Review of Heritage Master Plan Input**

34 Will Ludt explained that the Master Plan Steering Committee is working to update the Master  
35 Plan. He has been working on drafting language on how to preserve the Town’s rural character  
36 on behalf of the Heritage Commission. He reviewed the draft document. The goal is to maintain  
37 the rural character and protect the Town’s look and feel. The Commission agreed for the draft  
38 document to be submitted to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

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40 **5. Joe English Hike – February 26, 2022**

41 Will Ludt explained that February is Black History Month and March is Women’s History  
42 Month. The plan is to begin the hike at Peabody Mill Environmental Center, hike, and speak on  
43 those two topics along the way. He will post an invitation to this hike on the Amherst Facebook  
44 page.

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**6. Opportunity for a Heritage “Team Photo”**  
*This item was previously discussed.*

**4. Minutes: 13 January 2022**

There were no minutes from the January meeting, as there was not a quorum present.

The Commission reviewed a new proposed development application for the Hazen property. Conor Frain stated that he has concern regarding how some of the lots will be accessed, due to the location of wetlands in the area. He also stated that it is unclear if the area has been walked to delineate all of the stone walls on the property. There is also concern regarding access and traffic along County Road.

Lisa Montesanto noted that Friends of the Orchard has not formally met recently. They will likely be exploring options for Cider Fest this year.

**Conor Frain moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Gordon Zuerndorfer seconded.**

**Roll call: Will Ludt – aye, Gordon Zuerndorfer – aye, Lisa Montesanto - aye, Conor Frain – aye, and Tom Grella – aye; motion carried unanimously.**

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Kristan Patenaude*

Minutes approved: March 10, 2022