

April 14, 2022

**APPROVED**

1 In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Conor Frain, Linda Zuerndorfer, Gordon Zuerndorfer, Lisa  
2 Montesanto [6:46pm.], and Tom Grella – Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio.  
3 Staff in attendance: Kristan Patenaude – Recording Secretary (remote).  
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5 **1. Roll Call to Order**

6 Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.  
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8 **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**  
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10 **2. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage**

11 Will Ludt shared a photo from June 1968 of his band, “The Scrappers.”  
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13 Will Ludt noted that he recently visited Weare for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pine Tree Riot.  
14 Conor Frain explained that this event commemorates an act of resistance to the British royal  
15 authority undertaken by colonists in Weare. Will Ludt noted that the actual juror ruling for the  
16 six defendants in the case was located in Amherst’s courthouse for a number of years.  
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18 **3. CLG Grant Update**

19 Sara Siskavich stated that additional data points have been added. The next step of the project is  
20 the Heritage Map Explorer. This will live alongside the other app but is geared toward those  
21 interested in the details of the data provided. This will also be mobile compatible.  
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23 The Commission viewed the draft app. It was noted that this app will give the core tools through  
24 a browser. No special software is needed. This app does not yet have an online feedback form  
25 included, as the other app for the Commission does. Descriptive relevance of each property has  
26 been included in this app. Sara Siskavich suggested keeping the 50 oldest houses in Town  
27 grouped together in one tab. The Commission agreed to send along any information from its  
28 homework assignment, to be included on the app map.  
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30 Taylor Hardner noted that she would like some additional landscape/panoramic photos to include  
31 on the website. The Commission reviewed the website. Taylor Hardner noted that she recently  
32 added a Then/Now page. She suggested the Commission consider creating its own YouTube  
33 channel for any videos it has, that she can then link to from the website. Taylor Hardner stated  
34 that the Town Vault page could be combined with the Important Historic Documents item. The  
35 Heritage Projects & Events area is similar to a blog post that can be continuously updated by the  
36 Commission.  
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38 **4. Homework Assignment Discussions (assigned at the March 10, 2022, meeting)**

39 The Commission reviewed its homework documents and progress on them. Sara Siskavich stated  
40 that the information from these assignments will be included in the description of the historic  
41 sites on the app, such as important information or why someone may want to visit it. Will Ludt  
42 noted that Brenda Perry gave some updates to him on her section. Tom Grella populated the  
43 information on the cemeteries. More information on Eagle Rock and Lindabury Orchard will be  
44 provided.

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**5. Native American Site – County Road – Planning Visit – May 2022**

Will Ludt explained that the site visit and team photo will likely occur in May.

**6. Opportunity for a Heritage “Team Photo” – May 2022**

*This item was previously discussed, and the team photo will likely occur in May during the County Road site visit.*

**7. Arcadia Publishing Request**

Will Ludt explained that Arcadia Publishing submitted a request for someone in Amherst to write a book. The company would then be open to publishing the book and the author would receive some royalties. The book would need to be at least 250 pages. He will send the request out to the Commissioners.

Will Ludt noted that a lecture on “Energy Retrofits and the Historic Home” will be held on May 9, 2022, at 7pm, at the Wilton Collaborative Space.

The Freedoms Way Natural Heritage Foundation is getting ready for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Day in 2026. Will Ludt asked the Commission to consider what it can do for the event.

**7. Minutes: 10 March 2022**

**Conor Frain moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2022, as written. Tom Grella seconded.**

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

Conor Frain stated that he spoke with Robert Perry of Topographix, LLC, in Hudson, NH regarding finding the bounds of the Pauper Cemetery in Town. He was given a rough estimate of approximately \$2,000-4,000/acre. The company will come out to see the site shortly and give a more formal quote.

**Conor Frain moved to adjourn at 7:38pm. Gordon Zuerndorfer seconded.**

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Patenaude*

Minutes approved: June 9, 2022