

June 9, 2022

APPROVED

In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Conor Frain, Linda Zuerndorfer, Lisa Montesanto, Brenda Perry (remote), and Tom Grella – Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio.

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

Also: Sara Siskavich (remote), and Taylor Hardner

1. Roll Call to Order

Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

2. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Will Ludt stated that he would like to include some major events around Amherst from 2010 until now on the new Commission website. Tom Grella noted that the Town made a switch from Volunteer Fire Chief to Full-time Fire Chief in 2004.

3. CLG Grant Update

Taylor Hardner displayed the draft website for the Commission. Will Ludt stated that more photos are needed to add to the site. Conor Frain stated that new photos can be mashed with older photos from the Historical Society to try to show before/now shots. Taylor Hardner stated that descriptions of the photos are also needed.

Sara Siskavich stated that some photos from NRPC’s OneDrive account can be used for this project.

The Commission reviewed the draft map.

Sara Siskavich stated that there will be a tab on the map being created for mile markers around Town, along with key destinations. There is an interest in adding information regarding unique/distinct houses in Town that might not otherwise be considered historic.

4. BOS-DPW Historic Resources Preservation Planning

Will Ludt explained that the Board of Selectmen tasked him, the DPW Director, Eric Slosek, and Selectman Danielle Pray with reviewing historic resources in Town. He has created a chart to catalog each resource. This will eventually be presented to the Board. He asked for additional volunteer help on this project. Conor Frain volunteered to help with this item.

Will Ludt stated that he is trying to get a small grant to have the Sawyer Cottage and Corn Crib evaluated from the Preservation Alliance, in order to know what is needed to preserve the buildings.

5. Native American Site – County Road – Planning Visit – June/Summer 2022

Will Ludt suggested that this visit and the team photo take place in the summer. The team photo could then be placed on the new website. Brenda Perry noted that she will likely be in the area in July, but then not until August. Will Ludt suggested that these items be pursued for August.

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6. Opportunity for a Heritage “Team Photo” – June/Summer 2022

This item was previously discussed.

7. Arcadia Publishing Request

Will Ludt noted that he has explained to Arcadia that the Commission will not be pursuing this request at this time.

Will Ludt stated that boards/committees in Town recently received a letter from Ken Miller, recommending that the proposed Clearview subdivision location could be a Native American site. The Town will be looking into this item and responding directly.

Will Ludt asked the Commission to think about events in Town from the past 12 years that are prominent to add to the website.

Tom Grella stated that the first burial at the new Forestview Cemetery took place last week. There is a waiting list to be buried in that location.

There was discussion regarding similar corn cribs that exist in nearby towns, Milford, and Bedford.

Conor Frain stated that he met with someone regarding pricing for cemetery image mapping. It will cost approximately \$2,500 to map a certain area of the cemetery. One main issue will be clearing out invasives and shrub brush before this could be done. Will Ludt recommended pausing this project to a later date.

7. Minutes: 14 April 2022

Conor Frain moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022, as written. Lisa Montesanto seconded.

5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

Conor Frain moved to adjourn at 7:43pm. Lisa Montesanto seconded.

5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude*

Minutes approved: August 11, 2022