

TOWN OF AMHERST
Heritage Commission

August 11, 2022

APPROVED

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

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

1. Roll Call to Order

Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the County Road potential historical site.

2. Site Visit – County Road, potential Native American Site and Artifact

The Commission visited a potential Native American site on County Road. No actions were taken, and no motions were made during this time. The Commission recessed at 6:30pm to reconvene the meeting at Town Hall.

Will Ludt called the meeting back to order at 6:45pm at Town Hall. The Commission discussed other potential site visits it would like to carry out in the future, including to the New Boston Space Force Station.

Jennifer Stover explained that Town staff is requesting that one Commissioner present at each meeting be available to host Commission meetings on Zoom each month. Linda Zuerndorfer stated that she would suggest the idea to her son for an interim, temporary period.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

3. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage

Will Ludt explained that the Master Plan has a published draft, and the Planning Board will be discussing this document at its meeting on August 17, 2022. He noted that he suggested several items regarding the schools for inclusion. The Planning Board then takes responsibility of setting up public hearings and will take control of the draft document from the Master Plan Steering Committee. This process should be finalized through the fall.

Will Ludt stated that there is a hike to Purgatory Falls next Saturday in case anyone is interested in joining.

Will Ludt stated that he has been working with NRPC to finalize the new webpage. He will send links to the group. He suggested holding a public meeting on October 11, 2022, to preview the webpage to the public.

Will Ludt stated that the State has extended the deadline for the CLG grant, to August 2023.

4. CLG Grant Update

- **Timing for Public Meeting to Debut Heritage Commission Web Site**
- **NHDHR Extended Grant Completion to August 2023**

This item was previously discussed.

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5. Master Plan Draft Discussions

This item was previously discussed.

6. Minutes: 9 June 2022

Brenda Perry moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2022, as written. Linda Zuerndorfer seconded.

5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

The Commission agreed that it would like to revisit the site on County Road in September. It was noted that the previously proposed renovation project on the Cooperage will not be moving forward, nor will the Village Green lighting proposal. The Commission agreed to further discuss what to do with the Cooperage building in September. There may be items that can be salvaged from inside the building and placed in the Corn Crib. The Commission agreed that it needs to speak with someone at Camp Young Judaea regarding the Camp's history at some point. There was discussion regarding attempting to contact the owner of a property near Camp Young Judaea about the possibility of examining an historic abutment in the area.

Tom Grella moved to adjourn at 7:14pm. Conor Frain seconded.

5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude*

Minutes approved: October 13, 2022