



Town of Amherst, NH

AMHERST HERITAGE COMMISSION AGENDA

Town Hall - Small Conference Room- 1st Floor

Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Attendees: Chairman Will Ludt, Bill Veillette, Mary Mahar, and Larry McCoy. Absent: Andy Ouellette, Carolyn Quinn, Tom Grella, BOS Ex Officio, and Eric Hahn, Planning Board Liaison.

II. Topics of Discussion

a. Update on Grant

Will Ludt provided a short update on the farmstead grant from the NHDHR. Ms. Katy Holmes, consultant, is well underway collecting data on the four farmsteads for study. The four farmsteads are: The Parker Farm on Baboosic Lake Road, the Lynch Farm on Lynch Farm Road, the Christian Hill Farm and Stone Farm, both on Christian Hill Road. On November 7, 2014, Ms Holmes, Mary Mahar, and Will Ludt conducted an Initial Review Meeting with NHDHR staff. The meeting went well with very positive feedback provided on presentation and knowledge of the task. Will Ludt also stated that one-on-one meetings with the property owners will be set once dates have been agreed to.

b. Status Update: Amherst Village Strategic Plan Committee Appointed by the BOS- Heritage Commission Representative

Bill Veillette provided an update on the progress of the Committee. Village surveys are to be filled out online by as many residents as possible. All members of the Heritage Commission are encouraged to take the survey. To date, only 29 residents have taken the survey. Mr. Veillette also reported that in the future, public meetings and house coffees are planned for residents to provide feedback and inputs. Currently, first planned public meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2014. The Committee meets on a monthly basis and all residents are invited to attend.

c. Stonewall Update

In Andy Ouellette's absence, Larry McCoy provided an update. The Stonewall Committee recently met. In attendance were Andy Ouellette, Carolyn Quinn and Larry McCoy. The committee discussed a draft schedule of three phases provided by Mr. Ouellette. The major portion of meeting discussed the effort to map stonewalls in Amherst. Andy Ouellette has developed a three page document giving detailed instructions for mapping overlays in Google Earth. Feedback provided that the instructions may be too difficult for use by a novice computer user. Andy Ouellette will schedule another meeting in the near future.

d. December 2014- Interdepartmental Design Review Discussion

Discussion pertained to the proposed plan to move a property line where an existing stonewall is used at the boundary. Will Ludt is to provide information to Colleen Mailloux that if the Amherst Planning Board approves the proposed boundary move that the stonewall used as a boundary line be preserved or moved to the new location in an effort to maintain the rural character of Amherst.

e. Updates from Other Boards and Commissions Attendance

Mary Mahar reported that the two past meetings of the ZBA had no issues that pertained to the Heritage Commission. Larry McCoy reported that due to his recent surgery that he has not attended the last two Historic District Commission meetings. There is nothing new to report. Will Ludt has attended the past several Amherst Conservation Commission (ACC) meetings. Chairman Ludt reported the following: a) The ACC is still waiting to hear from the LCHIP committee on their recent submittal for funding to preserve an area on Hammond Farm. b) A presentation was given by a Boy Scout that his Eagle Project will be to extend the Great Meadows walkway by approximately 20'. This extension will provide visitors to extend further out in the bog area for nature observations. The ACC approved the project. Rick Crocker is the Boy Scout's mentor.

III. Minute Approval: 9 October 2014

Minutes were not submitted for approval. The minutes from the October 9, 2014 and the November 13, 2014 meetings will be reviewed and approved at the December 11, 2014 meeting.

IV. Commission Roundtable: Nothing new to report.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Will Ludt, Recorder