

October 10, 2019

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1 In attendance: Will Ludt – Chair, Conor Frain – Vice Chair, Lisa Montesanto, and Brenda Perry
2 (alternate).

3 Staff in attendance: Kristan Patenaude – Minute Taker

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5 Will Ludt called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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7 TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

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9 **1. “Throw Back” Thursday – Amherst Heritage**

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11 Will Ludt stated that September 10, 2019 was the 100th anniversary of NH ratifying the 19th
12 amendment – women’s right to vote.

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14 **2. Josiah Parker Trail Spur to Corn Crib Support Update**

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16 Chairman Ludt stated that Conor Frain and John Bement recently completed a preliminary
17 marking of the proposed trail.

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19 Conor Frain explained that there appears to have been a trail in the area at one time. The path is
20 fairly easy to follow. There is a small amount of debris that would need to be cleared off of the
21 trail. He believes it would take one or two days’ worth of work to clear out the trail. It was not
22 much trouble to traverse the stone walls on the trail. There are existing markers on the trail from
23 when it was created, probably in the 1990’s. Mr. Frain explained that there appears to be an
24 existing trail on the Morgan Lot, across the street from the proposed spur trail, which might give
25 access out to Little Baboosic Lake.

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27 The group discussed that this second possible spur trail is also on land owned by the town. The
28 Heritage Commission will continue to work with the ACC in order to look at creating the
29 proposed trail out to the Corn Crib.

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31 Conor Frain suggested a pathway or marker for the back side of the Corn Crib, as there is
32 currently only an empty field there.

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34 **3. Discussion with New Boston AFS Commander – Joint Projects – Community
35 Outreach**

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37 Will Ludt stated that he met with the New Boston AFS Commander last week regarding possible
38 joint projects dealing with the Commission’s goal of community outreach. The two discussed the
39 possibility of a 5k run, hike or walkthrough of the area, a winter event, or an event for black
40 history month featuring Luther Melendy. He hopes that the Commission might also look into
41 coordinating with the Historic District Commission, the Questers, or the Garden Club to see if
42 there is any interest in proceeding with a project at the AFS. The staff from the AFS agreed to
43 come meet with members of the Commission at a later date.

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45 **4. FWHA Video on Area Suffragette and Activist**

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47 Will Ludt showed the group a video from the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area that
48 honors suffragettes in Shirley, Massachusetts; it featured a brief biography of Hazel MacKaye.

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50 The group discussed that the video is a good example of what can be produced only using photos
51 and narration. They discussed the possibility of contacting the Historical Society to see if they
52 would be interested in creating something similar to this video.

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54 The group discussed the possibility of using DropBox and some of the issues the Amherst
55 Conservation Commission is currently facing with using it to store their documents.

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57 **5. Closing Discussion/Roundtable**

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59 Will Ludt stated that he attended the most recent ACC meeting, where they discussed the
60 demolition and rebuild of the boy's cabins at Camp Young Judaea. The Friends of Young Judaea
61 agreed to put into the plans that there will be pictures and measurements taken of the old cabins
62 before they are torn down.

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64 Will Ludt also explained that he plans to sit with Mary Guild and John Bement to finalize
65 discussions regarding the proposed Metal Detection Policy for the town. He is hoping to
66 reinstitute discussion regarding the final draft of the policy.

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68 Will Ludt stated that he has submitted the Commission's budget requests to the Office of
69 Community Development. Funds were added in for postage and to send a couple of people to
70 professional development/heritage conferences, if they can be identified.

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72 Brenda Perry stated that she and Lisa Montesanto attended the most recent Planning Board
73 meeting regarding the Master Plan. It appears that a steering committee will be formed that will
74 be made up of many representatives from the town. The Master Plan process may be different
75 this year and will try to engage more of the public.

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77 In response to a question from Will Ludt, Kristan Patenaude stated that any contractors would
78 only be involved in data collection, but not the actual creation of the Master Plan this time. The
79 Planning Board will hold another meeting on the Master Plan on October 23, 2019 at 7:30pm.

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81 Will Ludt explained that Christy Belvin, of the Amherst Garden Club, and John Bement have
82 been considering completing a joint project for the Garden Club's 50th anniversary next year.
83 The group brainstormed ideas. Brenda Perry suggested a project for the historic stone markers in
84 town and some foliage around them. Conor Frain suggested a project that goes beyond the
85 Green, or possibly involves the schools. The group discussed the possibility of researching
86 heritage bulbs from certain time periods .

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88 **6. Minutes: 12 September 2019**

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90 **Brenda Perry moved to accept the minutes of September 12, 2019 as presented. Lisa**
91 **Montesanto seconded.**

92 **All in favor.**

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94 The group agreed to discuss moving their meeting time from 7:30pm to 7:00pm going forward.

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96 **The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.**

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102 Respectfully submitted,

103 Kristan Patenaude

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105 Minutes approved: November 14, 2019