



Town of Amherst, NH
Heritage Commission
Draft Minutes
Barbara Landry Conference Room
Thursday, May 09, 2019

1 Regular Members in attendance were: Will Ludt, Mary Mahar, John Bement, and Tom
2 Grella- BOS Ex Officio.

3 Also in attendance: Planner, Simon Corson, and Recorder, Kristan Patenaude
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5 **I. Call to Order**

6 Chairman Will Ludt called the meeting to order sharply at 7:33 PM.
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8 **II. Topics of Discussion**

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

10 Mr. Bement explained that this year is the 50th anniversary of the Amherst Garden Club, as
11 well as the 50th Fourth of July celebration in Amherst.
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13 **2. Discussion of Amherst Stone Wall LiDAR Progress / Public Participation**

14 Chairman Ludt opened the public discussion on the Stone Wall LiDAR project progress.
15 He stated that, as of May 6th, 60,751 stone wall segments have been mapped in New
16 Hampshire. This equates to about 5,300 miles. 129 of those miles were mapped in
17 Amherst.
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19 Chairman Ludt outlined the timeline of the project. He explained that the purpose of the
20 project is to monitor and preserve this iconic symbol of New Hampshire’s heritage. The
21 hope is that the project will stimulate the public’s fascination with New Hampshire’s
22 legacy of stone walls.
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24 *Lisa Montesanto entered the meeting.*
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26 In response to a question from Mr. Grella, Mr. Corson explained that removing stones from
27 a property border wall is not allowed, but that it is ok to move stones from a private
28 property wall.
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30 There was some discussion between Commission members and the public.
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32 **3. Amherst Historic Resource Survey Roll Out – Public Input**

33 Chairman Ludt explained that the project involves digitizing the Amherst Historic
34 Resource Survey from 2010. The survey was digitized into a GIS-based map with the data
35 incorporated.

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37 Mr. Corson stated that he will be presenting this project at the spring New England ArcGIS
38 conference next Tuesday.

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40 **4. Minutes: 11 April 2019**

41 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Mahar and SECONDED by Mr. Bement to accept the*
42 *meeting minutes from April 11, 2019 as written.*

43 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously*

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45 **5. Closing Discussion**

46 The Commission discussed upcoming events.

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49 *The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.*

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54 *Respectfully submitted,*

55 *Kristan Patenaude*