

Hollis Heritage Commission

Town of Hollis, Hollis, NH 03049

Date: December 28, 2021

Members Present: Wendy Trimble, Honi Glover, Sharon McCaffrey, Cassandra Vorisek, Susan Benz, Karla Vogel, Doug Nye, Aurelia Perry

Members Absent: David Sullivan, Michael Bates, Jan Larmouth

Guests: Will Ludt, Chair of the Amherst Heritage Commission

Meeting: Called to order: 7:02pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: November 2021. Approved – motion by Honi, 2nd by Doug.

Business:

Calendars: All calendars have sold; we will update the funds next month, in the New Year. Sharon asked about possibly printing a smaller-sized calendar, so that we may keep the price at \$10 going forward. We are most concerned about the quality of the photographs, and will certainly be looking at options for next year.

Demolition Documentation: 68 Broad Street: Wendy has done the paperwork for the building inspector. It's a small house, c. 1960s, with a car port and a garage with living accommodation over the top of it. The occupants want to demolish the garage and car port.

White Barn at Woodmont: As previously noted, the Selectmen are looking to demolish the structure, due to difficulty of upkeep. We are trying to intercept the demolition, and lobby to keep it. The issue is going forward as a Warrant Article, to raise funds for the demolition. Karla has put together research regarding the structure. The barn was *NOT* condemned, and *IS* fixable. As an advisory group, we would like to put together an argument to keep the building (storage; history; use for the Town, this Commission, possibly others – per discussion in October and November). Susan indicated that the Select Board would certainly be open to hearing our suggestions and research, especially if we are clear about the history and our intentions. Doug has a contact who would be willing to help pay for the roof on the White Barn, if he could have some access to use part of it. Doug pointed out that there is actually great need for such a building in Town. Now is the time to present to the Select Board, and have the issue taken off the Warrant. Doug brought up that a good addition to our report would be a test of the floor for any hazardous substances.

All present are in favor of preparing a report, presenting to the Select Board, and recommending the White Barn as our next Heritage Commission project, following the restoration and re-erection of the Cooperage.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Ludt pointed out the similarities between the Hollis Heritage Commission and the Amherst Heritage Commission. The Amherst Heritage Commission (AHC) is also involved in agricultural restoration, as well as some easement work, and annual general history events; they are also assisting in the current Amherst 10-year planning. The AHC was founded in 2002, by Mr. Ludt and another member. He brought up the possibility of doing joint projects between the two Heritage Commissions

already in Amherst's 10-year plan. The AHC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, and all are invited and very welcome to attend. As Karla mentioned, there is certainly common history between our towns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm. Motion by Doug; 2nd by Cassandra.

Next Meeting to be held at 7pm, Tuesday, January 25; we might have a special meeting, time to be determined, to review our documentation on the White Barn prior to presenting to the Select Board.

Respectfully submitted by Aurelia Perry.