

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
DEERFIELD NH HERITAGE COMMISSION**

A meeting of the members of The Deerfield NH Heritage Commission (**DHC**) was held at the George B. White building on October 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM Eastern Time.

There were present:	Debra Murphy	Chair
	Deborah Boisvert	Member and Treasurer
	Karen Leavitt	Member
	Carol Levesque	Alternate Member
	Andrew Merrill	Member
	Erroll Rhodes	Member and Secretary

Absent:	Andrew Robertson	Select Board Liaison
	Dana van der Bijl	Member
	Richard Boisvert	Alternate Member

Discussions occurred as follows.

1. A majority of the members of the DHC agreed to the holding of this meeting of the DHC, waiving prior notice. Ms. Murphy acted as Chair of the Meeting and Mr. Rhodes acted as Secretary of the meeting. The Chair stated that a quorum was present and that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the agenda items previously circulated and any other business that might duly arise.
2. A motion was made (Mrs. Murphy), seconded (Mrs. Boisvert) and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the DHC meeting of September 21, 2021.
3. There was a discussion of the recent activity around the Thurston Pond Road Dam events the related discussion at the Select Board meeting of July 26th. Coordination of the investigation into that event was discussed, and Mr. Merrill agreed to follow up with the Select Board and to coordinate with the Water Commission in doing so. It was confirmed that a dam inspection and assessment would be desirable, which would require follow up.
4. It was reported that there was no financial activity other than the accrual of interest in the current period and that a report will be presented at the next meeting.
5. It was reported that with the resumption of DHC meetings at the town offices, the keys that had been held for DHC meetings at the library have been returned to the librarian, with acknowledgment and thanks.

6. There was a discussion around the recent concerns relating to Ridge and Range roads and developments thereon, with an update in the status thereof.
7. It was agreed by common assent to invite the consultant to the Center Harbor map project to come and address the DHC on our efforts on the Heritage Map front, tentatively early in 2022.
8. There was a discussion around the Town Hall windows restoration, bids received to date having been forwarded to Ray Ellis at the Town. It was agreed by common assent to get further clarification on the comparability of the two restoration bids and to work with Mr. Ellis on the issues of funding and upper sash blocking over the next month. Mr. Rhodes was asked to look into these issues.
9. It was noted that public participation in the discussions and activities of the DHC would be desirable. To this end, it was suggested that a letter be drafted to the Select Board relating to the allocation of a portion of the ARPA funds to upgrade the technology at the Town Offices to permit greater public participation by electronic means.
10. Discussion of the recent sale of the Briggs parcel on South Road raised the issue of how to preserve the cultural and agricultural heritage of Deerfield in the face of possible development of parcels of land considered by many in Deerfield to be iconic landmarks indistinguishable from Deerfield's identity. Revisiting the Cornerstones project from the 1980s was raised as a possible path to raising public awareness and support for the preservation of the cultural and agricultural heritage of Deerfield.
11. It was noted that the next meeting of the DHC will be held on November 16, 2021.

Following a confirmation of there being no further business to be transacted at this Meeting it was moved (Mrs. Levesque), seconded (Mr. Merrill) and unanimously agreed to adjourn this meeting, and in witness thereof, these Minutes have been issued as of the date hereinabove written.

Debra Murphy
Chairman of the Meeting

Erroll Rhodes
Secretary of the Meeting