

**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 November 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM Eastern Time.

There were present:	Debra Murphy	Chair
	Deborah Boisvert	Member and Treasurer
	Dana van der Bijl	Member
	Carol Levesque	Alternate Member
	Richard Boisvert	Alternate Member
	Erroll Rhodes	Member and Secretary
Absent:	Karen Leavitt	Member
	Andrew Merrill	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. van der Bijl) and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the DHC meeting of October 19, 2021.
3. A motion was made (Mr. Rhodes), seconded (Mrs. van der Bijl) and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's report of even date.
4. There was a discussion of the recent decision to close Town Hall for the winter and the proposed blocking of the fallen upper sashes. Mr. Rhodes agreed to speak with Mr. Ellis on this head.
5. There was a discussion of the Town Hall, including its economic viability and measures that could be taken to reduce the costliness of that building to the town, including insulation, window repairs, event revenue, etc. It was mentioned that utility grants might be available to offset costs associated with increasing energy efficiency. The energy audit that is being conducted on the Town Hall was also mentioned.
6. It was noted that a purely economic approach to evaluating Town Hall would ignore

the Town's stated goals of retaining historic structures, in the context of maintaining the rural character of Deerfield. The need for a comprehensive plan to reach these stated goals was emphasized.

7. There was a discussion of possible grants (one matching, the other standalone) for which letters of intent would be required by December 1st. It was felt that there was not sufficient time to do justice to any letter of intent given the nascent states of our main projects.
8. In the interest of moving the Heritage Map project a step forward, it was moved (Mr. Rhodes), seconded (Mr. Boisvert) and unanimously agreed to arrange and fund, as appropriate, an initial consultation with the advisor to the Center Harbor Heritage Map Project to understand the process, parameters and pitfalls experienced in that endeavor.
9. It was suggested that future DHC meetings be streamed via Zoom. Mrs. Boisvert volunteered to help with the setup, and Mrs. Murphy agreed to provide the laptop.
10. It was noted that the next meeting of the DHC will be held on January 18, 2021.

Following a confirmation of there being no further business to be transacted at this Meeting it was moved (Mr. Boisvert), seconded (Mr. Rhodes) 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