MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEERFIELD NH HERITAGE COMMISSION

The members of The Deerfield NH Heritage Commission (**DHC**) met at the George B. White building on April 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM Eastern Time.

There were present:	Debra Murphy	Chair
	Dana van der Bijl	Member
	James Deely	Member
	Andrew Merrill	Member
	Erroll Rhodes	Member and Secretary
Absent	Deborah Boisvert	Member and Treasurer
	Karen Leavitt	Member
	Carol Levesque	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 (Mr. Deely), seconded (Mr. Merrill) and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the DHC meeting of April 3, 2023.
- 3. There was a discussion regarding the DHC's upcoming report to the Select Board. It was noted that there may be opportunities through the IRA 2022 legislation to add to the resources available to assist with the rehabilitation of the Town Hall. There was a consensus that the Town Hall, as a pivotal community asset at the heart of the town, was deserving of the support of the Select Board and the investment required to make it a vibrant center of town activity.
- 4. There was a discussion of the upcoming June 24, 2023 Barn Tour (9am-3pm) regarding logistics, sponsorships, program details and publicity. Prospective and participating barns were discussed, as were publicity, layout, pricing options, program details, finances, logistics, signage, and local sponsorships.
- 5. There was a brief discussion of the DHC's recent consultation with the Library.
- 6. Mr. Deely provided a briefing on his background in barn restoration and history.
- 7. There was a discussion of the heritage map and its potential as a tool for landowners and town departments.

- 8. It was noted that the DHC will be receiving two curtains from the Milford Grange as a donation.
- 9. It was further noted that the next meeting of the DHC is planned to be held on May 16, 2023.

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