

AGENDA
Amherst Historical Commission
Wednesday, October 19, 2020
6:30 PM

Zoom: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/82499767756>

Attendance: Jane Wald, Patricia Auth, Janet Marquardt, Hetty Startup, Robin Fordham, Jane Sheffler, Nathaniel Malloy (Town Staff), and Benjamin Breger (Town Staff)

Guests: Nancy Schroeder, Hilda Greenbaum, Jeremiah Laplante, Meg Gage, Ophelia, Janet Keller, Tom Hartman

Documents and Handouts: Demolition application for 336 Market Hill Road, photos of the sheds at 37 Bay Road, and a photo of the kennel at 405 Market Hill Road

Call to Order: 18:34

1. Announcements None

2. Vote on DRB representatives

1. *Jane Sheffler made a motion for Janet Marquardt to be the representative for the Design Review Board. Robin Fordham seconded.*
2. Roll call: Pat Auth-Yes, Robin Fordham-Yes, Janet Marquardt-Abstained, Jane Sheffler-Yes, Hetty Startup-Yes, Jane Wald-Yes. Motion carried.

3. Demolition Applications

1. Structure at 405 Market Hill Road
 1. Janet Marquardt: *Motion that the kennel building on 405 Market Hill Road does not need a public hearing and can be demolished. Robin Fordham seconded.*
 2. Roll call: Pat Auth-Yes, Robin Fordham-Yes, Janet Marquardt-Yes, Jane Sheffler-Yes, Hetty Startup-Yes, Jane Wald-Yes. Motion carried.

2. Sheds at 37 Bay Road

1. Hetty Startup: *Motion to allow demolition of the sheds at 37 Bay Road. Motion seconded by Janet Marquardt.*
2. Roll call: Pat Auth-Yes, Robin Fordham-Yes, Janet Marquardt-Yes, Jane Sheffler-Yes, Hetty Startup-Yes, Jane Wald-Yes. Motion carried.

4. CPA Proposals

1. Mill River Trail

1. Discussion of the CPA funding proposal from the District One Neighborhood Association (guests: Meg Gage and Janet Keller).

2. Questions:

1. How will people access the information?

1. Using QR codes with links to videos.

2. Are you applying for a planning grant?

1. Yes.

3. How would this fit into community preservation under acceptable projects for CPA funding?

1. Jane Wald: Historical Commission has a broader definition of preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration. It is our job to make recommendations, but the CPA will make the final determination.

2. **Goodwin Church Restoration Project**

1. Discussion of project (guest: Nancy Schroeder).

3. **Slate Roof Repairs**

1. Discussion of project (guest: Jeremiah Laplante)

2. Looking to replace slates on the roofs on the Town Hall, Munson Memorial Library, North Amherst School **Notetaker got cut off at 20:04. Reconnected at 20:08.*

4. **Repair the front steps at Town Hall**

1. Discussion of project (guest: Jeremiah Laplante)

5. **General Updates**

5. Writers Walks: Confirming with DPW that the specs for the signs will match with the posts that have been picked.

Notetaker got cut off from meeting at 20:35.