DRAFT 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 January 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM Eastern Time.

There were present:	Debra Murphy	Chair
	Deborah Boisvert	Member and Treasurer
	James Deely	Member
	Carol Levesque	Alternate Member
	Andrew Merrill	Member
	Dana van der Bijl	Member
	Erroll Rhodes	Member and Secretary
Absent	Karen Leavitt	Member
	Stephen Barry	Select Board Liaison

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 (Ms. Murphy), seconded (Mrs. van der Bijl) and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the DHC meeting of November 21, 2023.
- 3. A motion to accept the financial report from the Treasurer was made (Mr. Deely), seconded (Mr. Merrill) and unanimously approved.
- 4. Ms. Boisvert reported on the archive dive she and Mrs. Leavitt have been conducting. A request was made for any Southern NH Planning Commission maps that might be available.
- 5. There was a discussion of various aspects of the Town Hall, and how it might form the centerpiece of the DHC Five Year Plan, working together with the Historical Society. Programming ideas (lake camps, electricity in Deerfield, etc.) and options were encouraged for discussion at the next meeting.
- 6. There was a discussion of the Town Hall Energy Audit and the possibility of involving Eversource through their community outreach department.
- 7. There was discussion of formulating and moving ahead with a step plan to implement the Town Hall assessment, including energy and architectural needs. It was agreed by

unanimous consent to get a professional to write the assessment document in order to move the NH Preservation Alliance grant forward.

- 8. There was a discussion of the Heritage map project and the mechanics around scanning, mapping and hosting.
- 9. There was a discussion of how to encourage citizens to preserve and/or not destroy historic structures. Educational and publicity options were discussed.
- 10. It was noted that the next meeting of the DHC is planned to be held on February 20, 2024.

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

Deb Boisvert Chairman of the Meeting Erroll Rhodes Secretary of the Meeting