

## Northbridge Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting - December 15, 2021

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**Present:** Len Smith (Chairperson) Christine Johnson, Kenneth Warchol

**Absent:** Wendy Timmons

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Len Smith

### 1.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Ken Warchol, *"To Approve the Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021."* Seconded by Ken Warchol. Motion carries unanimously.

### 2.0 Update on Castle Hill Tour

Christine Johnson updated the NHC on the December 6, 2021, tour of the Castle Hill property which is potentially available for purchase by the Town. Gary Becholdt, Town Planner, was joined by representatives from Open Space Plan Committee, Conservation, Metacomet Trust, Community Preservation, and the HCC. Len Smith inquired as to whether any of the participants discussed whether there was any toxic waste on-site. It was agreed that this would be brought to the Town Planner for consideration.

### 3.0 Northbridge 250th Planning Update

Len Smith, Chairperson, and Representative on the 250th Planning Committee provided an update on various activities underway to celebrate the Town's 250th. Len Smith requested the NHC consider conducting Trolley Tours as part of the celebration. It was determined that we should offer a historical tour of Northbridge, on a day in June date TBD. The cost of three tours, 1 1/2 hours, and informational 4-page pamphlets is \$5,000. The funds will be provided by vote of the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion made by Christine Johnson, "To vote to approve an appropriation of \$5,000 by the Board of Selectmen to sponsor a historical Trolley Tour of Northbridge as part of the 250th Anniversary of Northbridge" Seconded by Ken Warchol. Motion carries unanimously.*

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson