



## Town of Hebron

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### Hebron Historic District Commission

#### Minutes of Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2015

Preliminary minutes subject to change by the commission members at the next meeting.

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**Historic District Commission Members Present:** David Brittelli, (Chair), Tripp Swartz (Vice Chair), Alan Barnard (Alternate), Ellie Lonske, (Select Board Representative),

**Historic District Commission Members Absent:** John Black (Member), Patrick Moriarity (Select Board Alternate)

**Others Present:** Marion Weber, (Secretary), Sue Appleton (Member-Heritage Commission), Ron Collins (Chair-Heritage Commission)

**Time Convened:** 7:03 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 7:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

#### Agenda:

1. Review minutes from March 10, 2015 and May 11, 2015 meetings
2. Proposal to approve Hebron application to become a Certified Local Government
3. Any other Business that may come before the Commission

Chair David Brittelli called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Ellie Lonske corrected the date of the March 10 minutes to April 9, 2015. She then made a motion to accept these minutes as corrected. This motion was seconded by Tripp Swartz. A second motion was made by Ms. Lonske and seconded by Alan Barnard to accept the May 11, 2015 minutes as written.

Noting that a quorum was present Chair David Brittelli opened the discussion regarding the proposal that the town of Hebron submit an application to become a Certified Local Government. Ellie Lonske explained some of the reasons for becoming a CLG. She said that the town appears to meet all the requirements, and the primary benefit to the town would be financial in the form of grants. In July the selectmen were asked to look at the requirements and regulations for Hebron to become a Certified Local Government town. At that time Alan Barnard indicated he had some concerns; hence this meeting was called to discuss his concerns. After referring to some of the specific CLG requirements, two of Mr. Barnard's main concerns were: (1) the possible need to hire professionals and (2) enforcement. Regarding the first concern, Ms. Lonske pointed out that there are already several professionals on the commissions who would meet that requirement. When Mr. Barnard said he would like to meet with someone from the State, Ms. Lonske said that two people were coming on Thursday, September 24 to discuss a "Sandy Grant" regarding the flood plain of the Cockermouth River, and Mr. Barnard was welcome to meet with them also. As Mr. Barnard would not be available, he agreed to email his questions to Ms. Lonske and Mr. Collins to take to their Thursday meeting. In response to Mr. Barnard's comment that becoming a CLG will require more work for the committees, Ms. Lonske stressed that they would only look for people with the interest and desire to be on the committee. There is also the possibility of combining the two committees, i.e. the Historic District Commission and the Heritage Commission.

It was decided to move forward with the application as there would be no obligation to the town if approved. Chair Brittelli made the following motion: **Move that the Heritage District Commission give approval to the Town of Hebron to submit a Certified Local Government application.** Motion to accept was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marion Weber, Secretary*