Belmont Heritage Commission October 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Members attending: Vicki Donovan, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Ben Rolfe, Jill Rolfe, Claire Bickford, and Sharon Ciampi. Absent: Susan Roache. **Approval of September 3, and September 9, 2026 Minutes:** Motion to accept by Jack, seconded by Jill and unanimously approved. **Meeting called to order:** 6:03 P.M. **Meeting adjourned:** 6:55 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Belmont High Student Rep. - Members welcomed 2026 New Student Rep. *Allyson Rolfe.*

B.H.S. Holiday Fair – Discussed participation this year. Booth fee is 50.00. It was suggested from Mr. Lord to sell new Gale School ornaments. Vicki will look into cost for new ornaments and if there is enough time to get them done for the Church Fair and the High School Holiday Fair. Both are early November dates.

Sargent Fund- Discussion of applying for 2027 funds to go toward Senior Citizen Valentine's Day Project and amount

Seniors Valentine's Day Food Drive Project - Will be on Feb. 12, 2027. Discussion followed on Senior Citizens added costs due to gas, oil and grocery prices. Closed discussion to pursue looking for more donations to make sure we have enough in supplies to hand out.

OLD BUSINESS

Heritage Community Awards- The *Preservation of Traditions Award* recognized *Joe and Jenn Thomas* for the restoration of their 1890's home. The *Exceptional Commitment to Community Award, Katie VanCura* at *Belmont Elementary* and *Kelly Lewis at Belmont Middle School. Youth Leadership Award* to *Riley DeGange* for her role as the *Student Representative* for the *Heritage Commission.* They will receive their awards at the Oct. 21st Selectmen's Meeting except for Riley who will be presented hers during her Thanksgiving break.

Budget 2027 – Jack and Vicki attended the Oct. 13th Selectmen's budget meeting and submitted the same Heritage Commission budget as last year. Budget Committee meeting on Nov. 5th .

Banner Project – The last banner (Tioga River Trailhead) will be installed on Oct. 16.

Motions Made – Motion by Jack and seconded by Priscilla to pay $50.00 to renew NH Preservation Alliance membership, unanimously approved. Motion by Jill and seconded by Priscilla to reimburse $40.00 Vicki for the purchase of frames for Community Heritage Awards and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted _____ *Ben Rolfe (Secretary)*

Next Meeting: January 21, 2027