

**GOFFSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
&
GOFFSTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION**
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2025

PRESENT: Phil D’Avanza - Chair; Mark Collins - Vice Chair; Mark Lemay, Select Board ex-officio representative; Lionel Coulon - Correspondence Secretary; and Michael Przekaza, regular member (arrived at 6:37 p.m.).

Also present: Derek Horne, Town Administrator.

Absent: Rodney Stark, alternate member.

1. Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Phil D’Avanza.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The May 28, 2025 HDC meeting minutes were accepted, with one change.

06/25/2025 minutes - Mark Collins made a motion to approve the minutes from the 06/25/25 meeting. Mark Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasury Report:

A. Operating Budget	\$3,000.00 (07/22/2025)
B. Heritage Fund	\$4,540.18 (07/22/2025)
C. Grasmere TH Capital Reserve Fund 4.31% Monthly Distribution Yield	\$429,207.00 (06/30/25)

4. Grasmere Town Hall Restoration

There was no update or discussion on Grasmere Town Hall.

5. Any Other Business as Needed:

Proposed Trolley Restoration at 129 Mountain Base Road

Deborah Tollefson, 129 Mountain Base Road, came in to present to the HDC. They purchased one of the trolley houses in 2010 and it is currently used as a summer house, but they want to spend more time there. They hired an architect to save the trolley and build an addition onto the house. They are going before the Zoning Board in September. The proposed renovation does not change the footprint,

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rather it moves some items. She was asking for support from the Historic District and Heritage Commission before they go to ZBA for necessary approvals.

Chairman D'Avanza confirmed the Historic District Commission does not have jurisdiction on this matter because the location is not within a Historic District, but they could provide comment as the Town's Heritage Commission. Chairman D'Avanza asked about the trolley on the front of the house. Deborah said the new house will be two levels and the entrance to the house will be through the trolley.

Mark Collins said it is great to see them try to save the trolley. Deborah Tollefson said they only know about the condition of a portion of the trolley they can see from inside the house. They don't know how much of the trolley can be saved and what the conditions underneath are. They are committed to rebuilding, but there are limits to their budget. If the trolley is not salvageable or too expensive, they will simply put a front porch on. They visited the trolley museum in Kittery, Maine to get an idea what the final restored trolley might look like. The final design of the house and the restored trolley will be done after any Zoning Board approval.

Mark Collins made a motion to support the restoration of the trolley and having it being brought to the front of the house so it can be seen by the public. Mark Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

An interested resident, Davis Allen, visited the meeting and talked with the HDC about their meeting and what the Commission does. The HDC members provided a tour of the 2nd floor and encouraged Mr. Allen submit a volunteer application.

ADJOURNMENT:

6:59 Mark Lemay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Collins seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Derek M Horne, Town Administrator

Minutes are subject to Approval by the Goffstown Historic District Commission