

GOFFSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2025

PRESENT: Phil D’Avanza - Chair; Mark Collins - Vice Chair; Mark Lemay, Select Board ex-officio representative; Lionel Coulon - Correspondence Secretary; Davis Allen, regular member (sworn in prior to meeting); and Michael Przekaza, regular member (arrived at 6:41 p.m.).

Absent: Rodney Stark, alternate member.

Also present: Derek Horne, Town Administrator.

1. Call to Order:

6:36 PM Chairman Phil D’Avanza called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The August 27, 2025 HDC meeting minutes were accepted.

Lionel Coulon made a motion to approve the 08/27/25 meeting minutes, with a correction to the adjournment motion at the end of the meeting. Mark Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-1; Mark Collins abstained from the vote. Motion passed. (Michael Przekaza arrived after vote).

3. Treasury Report:

A. Operating Budget **\$3,000.00** (09/24/25)

The commission members discussed the 2026 budget and agreed to reduce the annual operating budget request to \$2,000.00. This will allow the commission to continue to pay Preservation Alliance dues, pay for possible trainings, and to pay for required notifications if there is an application for a certificate of appropriateness.

B. Heritage Fund **\$4,243.18** (09/24/25)

C. Grasmere TH Capital Reserve Fund **\$432,358.45** (08/31/25)
4.32% monthly distribution yield

4. Grasmere Town Hall Restoration

There was no discussion on this matter.

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5. Any Other Business as Needed:

Chairman D'Avanza said he wanted to continue to move forward with a request to the New Boston Artillery Militia to fire the Molly Stark Canon for an event in 2026 celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. The commission discussed ideas for a possible event in 2026 and will consult with alternate member Rodney Stark to better understand the scheduling of the Molly Stark canon and types of events the New Boston Artillery Militia

Town Administrator Horne distributed the HDC regulations for the members to review. The HDC will continue this task at future meetings.

Chairman D'Avanza asked Town Administrator Horne to locate the Town's walking tour pamphlet and the booklets on the history of Grasmere.

ADJOURNMENT:

6:59 Mark Lemay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Collins seconded the motion. VOTE: 6-0-0. 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