



**LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL OR
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM
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1. Call to Order

- A. To participate in this meeting, please [join live via Microsoft Teams](#) or call 929-229-5356 (access code: 400 115 089#). If you have trouble accessing this meeting, please [email tim.corwin@lebanonnh.gov](mailto:tim.corwin@lebanonnh.gov).

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. August 14, 2024

3. Public Review

- A. None

4. Study Items

- A. Tree Advisory Board Presentation - Andrew Garthwaite, Chair
B. Northern Rail Trail Signage

5. Other Business

- A. Standing Reports from the other Commissions/Boards

6. Open to the Public

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

The order of agenda items is subject to change.

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**LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL OR
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM
6:00 PM, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicole Ford Burley (Chair and City Historian), Jeremy Rutter (Planning Board Rep.), Matt Smith (Vice Chair), Devin Wilkie (City Council Rep.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Zook (Alt. Council Rep)

STAFF PRESENT: Cathryn Hembree (Associate Planner)

1) CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ford Burley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2024

A MOTION was made by Councilor Wilkie to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Smith.

**The vote on the MOTION was approved (3-0-1 with Chair Ford-Burley abstaining).*

B. July 30, 2024 (Special Meeting)

A MOTION was made by Councilor Wilkie to approve the meeting minutes of July 30, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Smith.

**The vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0-0).*

3) PUBLIC REVIEW

A. None.

4) OTHER BUSINESS

A. Brian Knight, Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc.

The Commission heard a presentation from Brian Knight, Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. Discussion ensued about what the Commission wished as a final product from Mr. Knight. The Board discussed zoning amendments, guidelines, and historic district education materials.

B. Discussion: Shortening Meeting Length

The Commission decided to table this item to a future meeting.

C. Tunnel art CFP update

The Commission heard an update regarding the tunnel art CFP from Chair Ford-Burley.

D. Rail Trail signage

The Commission gave input on prototype signage for the Mascoma River Greenway from the Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department.

E. Soldiers Memorial Guardian

Chair Ford-Burley brought up that [REDACTED], Guardian of the Soldiers Memorial Building passed away. The new Guardian is Mr. Bill Lapan.

F. Standing Reports from other Commissions/Boards

There were no other reports at this time.

5) STUDY ITEMS

A. 176 Hanover Street Ext. Discussion

The Commission held a discussion on the 176 Hanover Street Ext. project. The Board discussed ways to promote the history of the Brickyard site. The idea of showing the Brickyard Documentary at the Kilton Library was brought forward. Chair Ford-Burley stated she would arrange that. Another idea was to nominate the site for the NH Preservation Alliance's Seven to Save list. Ms. Hembree said she would have to check with the Planning Department Director about the best route to go because of the active Planning Board Application. Chair Ford-Burley stated she could see if the Historical Society would make the nomination if it was inappropriate for the Heritage Commission to do so.

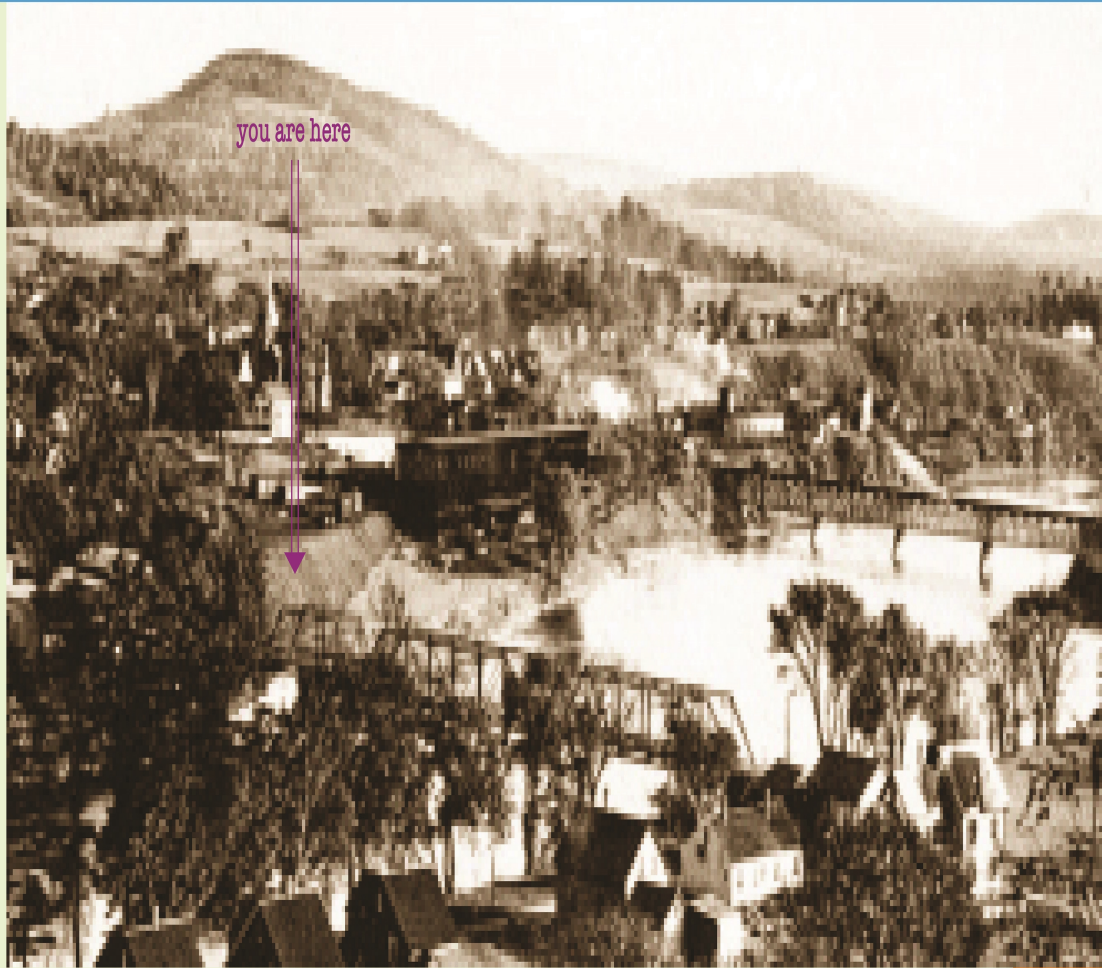
6) ADJOURMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude, Recording Secretary

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RE-CONNECTING TO THE RIVER



Looking towards West Lebanon from White River Junction in this early 20th century image, you can see the how the riverbank has been manipulated for industrial purposes—for the railroad, for roads and bridges, and to add a sewer line.

This unique area at the confluence of three rivers has been central to human communities for hundreds of generations. The Connecticut River (Kwanitekw), Mascoma River (Mazalôpskok Zibo), and White River (Wôbatekw) were sources of sustenance and transportation and also carried significant cultural and spiritual value for the first inhabitants, the Abenaki (Alnobak) people. Industrial uses of the river valleys began with the arrival of

European settlers: early water-powered mills led to a bustling railroad era that—quite literally—put West Lebanon on the map. The waterfront has been significantly altered over the years as the railroad and village grew, including the installation of an underground sewer line along the Connecticut River shoreline. The West Lebanon Greenway will reimagine this industrial heritage and infrastructure to re-establish public access to the riverfront for all.

A COMMUNITY VISION

For decades, there have been efforts to redevelop the Westboro

Rail Yard and Connecticut River shoreline into a community resource. This vision includes the creation of a waterfront park and trails that connect to the regional trail network, creating a “String of Pearls” of public lands and green spaces. This vision is part of a larger plan to support and grow West Lebanon as a thriving community for businesses and residents alike. The West Lebanon Greenway is a work in progress that will be made possible by community engagement by people like you!



“A String of Pearls, connecting the City’s parks and green spaces via a network of trails”

