

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1. **Qualifications for service on Commission:** The Historic Preservation Commission consists of 7-members who are residents or property owners in Gorham. They shall have a combination of interest, knowledge and experience in the Town, its history and historic preservation. Members are volunteers who serve without compensation for 3-years terms.

2. **Duties of the Commission:** The Commission performs the following duties:

a. **Review applications:** The Commission reviews any application to establish a new Historic District in Gorham, establish a new Historic property or establish a new Historic Landmark. Once in receipt of an application, the Commission holds a public hearing and then makes a written recommendation to the Town Council.

b. **Review applications and issue Historic Preservation Certificates:** A property owner, whose property is within a Historic District, shall obtain a Historic Preservation Certificate before demolishing or moving a building that is listed on the National Register of Historic property.

c. **Review applications for construction of new residential units in Historic Districts.** A property owner must obtain a Historic Preservation Certificate before constructing a new residential unit in a Historic District. This does not apply to additions of existing structures or routine maintenance.

d. **Historic Landmarks:** The Commission reviews applications to move or demolish Historic Landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic property.

e. **Advise and Educate:** The Commission may advise, assist and educate residents, property owners and officials of Gorham concerning aspects of historic preservation, renovation and reuse of historic structures, buildings, landmarks and sites. The Commission also serves as an advisor to the Town regarding historical and cultural resources.

f. **Compile Resources:** The Commission may compile resources useful to individual property owners who wish to construct or maintain historic property.

g. **Create Inventory:** The Commission may create and maintain a detailed inventory of property within the Town's historic districts, landmarks and historic sites.

Reference: Historic Preservation Ordinance approved on October 4, 2016.