

TOWN OF AMHERST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
**CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION FOR
HISTORIC LANDMARK, SITE or DISTRICT**

- (a) The HPC may recommend designation of an **individual property** as a **historic landmark** if it
 - (i) Is associated with the lives of individuals, or of people, or of events significant in the national, state or local history.
 - (ii) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, a period, or a method of construction.
 - (iii) Represents the work of a master architect or designer, or possesses high artistic values.
 - (iv) Represents a significant or distinguished entity whose components may lack individual or special distinction.
 - (v) Because of a unique location or singular physical characteristic, it represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood.
- (b) The HPC may recommend designation of a property or a group of properties as a **historic site** if it/they:
 - (i) Contain(s) significant historical or cultural sites where buildings or structures no longer exist such as a battlefield, cemetery, or former transportation facility; or sites which may yield information important to area history or pre-history.
- (c) The HPC may recommend designation of a **group of properties** as an **historic district** if they:
 - (i) Contain properties which meet one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark; or
 - (ii) Are an area that represents several periods or styles of architecture typical of different areas of history; or
 - (iii) Are an area that has several buildings of the same architectural period or style, and thus constitute unified architectural streetscape consistency, or a significant community uniformity of style; or
 - (iv) Are an area connected with significant events or cultural happenings or developments involving ethnic, religious groups, or other groups of special historical interest; and
 - (v) By reason of possessing such qualities, they constitute a distinct section of the Town of Amherst.