

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

JUNE 13, 2017

Members Present: MacLeod, Ruell, Maher, DeWolfe, Sharps
Others Present: Tejasinha Sivalingam, Rick Kipphut, Steve Heath

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Minutes. On a motion by MacLeod, seconded by Sharps, it was voted with two abstentions, to approve the minutes of the May 9 meeting.

Correspondence. Items from NH Preservation Alliance and NH Humanities.

Finances. Maher reported that the Heritage Fund now had \$16,082.02. The fund was still growing with payments for Fourth of July ads. She expected the Fourth of July fund to be around \$20,000 when the holiday was over. The Commission has spent \$130 of its appropriation, leaving a balance of \$870. Maher was concerned about the proper recording of income and expenses in the Heritage Fund. A check request for prizes for July 4th floats was signed.

Barn Survey. The Commissioners discussed the barn survey with Rick Kipphut, who is working on a barn survey for Center Harbor. He talked about procedures for filling out the form, taking photographs, deed research, and interviews of owners and others, and suggested an article in the local newspaper on the project. The options of a NHPA recording, and a preservation easement were reviewed. The selection of barns for the survey was discussed, with Kipphut favoring historic agricultural barns. Ruell has previously e-mailed a list of barns and carriage-houses and presented a revised list with 13 agricultural barns and almost 70 stables/carriage-houses. He cautioned that the list may be incomplete. The location of the barns for the survey, with GPS, the new state system, or UTM's was reviewed. Kipphut planned to prepare three copies of each form, for the local Heritage Commission, the NH Preservation Alliance, and the NH Division of Historical Resources. The type and number of photos and where to store them was discussed, as were research procedures. The consensus was to start with the dozen or so historic farm barns on Ruell's list, and leave stable and carriage-houses for future consideration. Maher suggested three first steps, a press release about the barn survey, a search for historic photographs, and the copying of the tax card

information on the properties. MacLeod will do the press release, Ruell will search the Historical Society's photograph collection, and Sharps will ask the Town Office to pull the tax card information. Maher suggested doing a barn survey at the July meeting. There was a discussion as to whether barn surveys should be considered commission meetings or not. Maher send a text to Frank Stevens about surveying his barn as the first trial run.

Master Plan. MacLeod will send a copy of the final draft of the Historic Resources chapter to all for their review. She asked the Commissioners to think about questions for the master plan public survey.

Town Wide Yard Sale. Ruell had previously e-mailed the request of the Community Council to have the Town sponsor the Town Wide Yard Sale with two conditions, that part of the proceeds be used to pay the Council's administrative costs (state fees and PO Box rent) and that the Council have final say on how the profits are spent. Ruell explained that the sponsorship was needed to provide liability insurance, as the event did not raise enough money to pay for insurance. Maher and MacLeod said that the Town's insurance would cover the sales in Memorial Park and that private property owners would have insurance to cover their own sales. MacLeod said that the organizations that make up the Council would also have their own insurance. There were also objections to the Commission serving as the treasury for the event. A motion by Ruell, seconded by Maher, to sponsor the Town Wide Yard Sale under the auspices of the Heritage Commission, with the conditions set forth by the Community Council failed on a vote of 1 to 4.

NH Humanities Program. The Hubka program on July 14 still needs a computer for the Water & Sewer Department projector and refreshments. Ruell and MacLeod have volunteered to make some refreshments. The consensus was to buy more refreshments from the operating account. MacLeod will see about borrowing a Science Center laptop. Ruell will look into using the school (with its computer) as an alternate site if necessary.

LCIP Grant. Maher felt that we should spend some money to argue for the passage of the warrant article on the LCHIP grant for the Town Hall at next year's election.

On a motion by Ruell, seconded by MacLeod, it was voted to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

David Ruell, Recording Secretary