

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

JULY 10, 2018

Members Present: MacLeod, Maher, DeWolfe, Ruell, Hughes

Others Present: Sue and John Harville

The meeting was called to order around 4 p.m. at the Ashland Fire Station.

Minutes. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Maher, it was voted (with one abstention) to approve the minutes of the June 12 meeting, with one correction, that the motion on the minutes was seconded by Maher, not DeWolfe.

Correspondence. The only correspondence was the June NHH Calendar.

Finances. Maher reported that the Commission's finances had not changed since last month, with \$1684.06 in the Heritage Fund.

Barn Survey. DeWolfe reported that Carol Currier was wondering when her barn would be surveyed. It was agreed that DeWolfe would arrange the visit to the barn.

Squamstock. Maher reported that the total costs of the July 1 event were donated. There were \$264.32 in expenses and \$473.73 in donations in kind. Income was \$736.00, from \$155 in ticket sales, \$161 in sticker sales, \$40 in art sales and \$380 in donations. The high heat greatly reduced the attendance and therefore the revenue. The hope had been to raise \$2000, with \$1000 to be given to the art programs of the two schools. Each school will receive \$368 from the income to date. AARA will present the money to the schools. All the children's art was returned to the Ashland art teacher, who will meet with Maher to discuss what to do with them. 287 Squamstock stickers are left to sell, with 51 sold to date. More stickers were received than were paid for. The Commission discussed the future of Squamstock and its remaining

assets, namely the stickers. Maher suggested selling the stickers through the end of the year and perhaps holding mini Squamstock events, at Parks & Recreation, the schools and libraries. The leftover art supplies will go to the Ashland school or Parks & Recreation program. Maher was willing to continue selling stickers on her own through the end of this year. AARA has offered to sell them at the Memorial Park concerts and the movies at the ballfield. The question was whether to continue the Squamstock fundraising by selling stickers under the Heritage Commission or to have Maher take over the selling. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Hughes, it was voted 4 to 0 that Squamstock will now be concluded under the Commission, and that it will be continued under Katie Maher. Maher will ask AARA to continue to act as the fiscal agent and to divide up the money she raises from sticker sales, etc. between the art programs of the two schools.

Town of Ashland Appreciation Day. MacLeod noted that the Commission has received no updates from the Selectmen on this year's TOAAD. The Commission had considered reorganizing the town records on the third floor of the Town Hall, or the old jail. DeWolfe reported that the Town Clerk had turned down the Commission's offer to help with the town records. The jail is now used as storage for the Police Department and Christmas Night. The concrete floor is in some disrepair. Access to the shelves is difficult. MacLeod suggested a memo to the Selectmen on TOAAD. Hughes noted that the Community Church was interested in doing barbecues as community events and suggested that the meal could be included in TOAAD. Possible dates were discussed, with September emerging as the preferred month and September 22 as a good date. The consensus was to send a memo to the Selectmen asking about TOAAD, suggesting the cleanup of the old jail as a project, inviting the Community Church to provide a barbecue, asking other local organizations to participate, and suggesting September, particularly the 22nd, as a good time to hold the event.

Rules of Procedure. MacLeod suggested that we should review the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Commission and specifically suggested the addition of a new section on Committees, proposing the following draft to be considered:

Article VIII. Committees

The Commission may appoint committees to work on specific projects, with at least one Commissioner on the committee who shall report back to the Commission. Committees are subject to RSA 91-A and shall keep minutes and post all meetings.

The proposal was well received. No changes were suggested. The proposed text will be sent to the Commissioners, and the amendment will be discussed at our next meeting.

Other Topics. The Commission briefly discussed other topics, including the status of Selectman Leigh Sharps, the Harvilles' interest in the Commission, the appearance of the Whitten House as a shed in the tax records, the review of town owned buildings, the LCHIP study of the Town Hall, and the future of the old elementary school.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Hughes, it was voted to adjourn at 5 p.m.