

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

AUGUST 21, 2018

Members present: Hughes, MacLeod, DeWolfe, Ruell

Others present: Craig Moore, Tony Randall

The meeting began at 2:09 p.m. at the old jail near the Town Hall.

Town of Ashland Appreciation Day. The Commission members examined the Jail and the nearby grounds with Public Works Director Moore and later, Police Chief Randall. The discussion focused at first on the interior and rearranging items for better storage. It was agreed to consolidate the Police Department items in one bay of the storage shelves. The other section will be used for storage of Xmas Night items and Christmas decorations. Moore will replace the rotten plywood on one shelf. The need for a ladder to access the upper shelves was discussed. Randall reviewed what Police Department items could be thrown away and what should be retained. He removed Police files from a file cabinet. Since the next day was to be rainy, Moore planned to have the DPW crew work on the interior then. The repair of the deteriorated concrete floor and the replacement of the door with a more historically appropriate door were discussed as possible future improvements.

Improving the grounds between the Jail and the Town Hall were also discussed. Moore will have his crew remove the thorny bushes and whack the weeds. He suggested removing the line of boulders and installing a split rail fence in their place, also smoothing out the area between the boulders and the jail and covering it with bark mulch or loam and grass. The consensus was for bark mulch. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by MacLeod, it was voted to spend up to \$50 to buy one section of split rail fence.

The schedule for TOAAD was reviewed. It was agreed to start the work at 10 a.m. The Community Church will put on a barbecue at the church at noon. Hughes will talk again with the Church about their plans for the lunch.

The meeting ended at 3:02 p.m.

David Ruell, Secretary