

# ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

## AUGUST 8, 2019

Members Present: Hughes, DeWolfe, Ruell, J. Harville

Others Present: Sherrie Downing, Sarah Ballou, Kyle Baert

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Minutes. The minutes of the July 9 meeting were reviewed. DeWolfe disputed the statements that the Heritage Commission had lacked a quorum and that Hughes had been the only Commissioner at one point. She also reviewed the history of the Historic Commission and the responsibilities of the Heritage Commission concerning cemeteries. She distributed information on accessing the facebook account. DeWolfe also suggested that business email addresses should not be used for conducting town business. On a motion by Harville, seconded by Ruell, it was voted 3 to 1 to approve the July 9 minutes as amended by removing the two sentences in the Review of Past Year section that begin "Following resignations...."

Finances. Hughes reported the Heritage Commission account now has \$1684.

Cemetery Project. Cemetery Trustees Downing and Ballou and former Trustee Baert attended the meeting to discuss working with the Commission on the town's private cemeteries. Downing explained what had been done and what might be done in various cemeteries by the Trustees and others. Downing suggested that the best cemetery to start with would be the Church Hill Cemetery on Blue Sky Drive. Don Latulippe, the property owner, would like to enhance the property in a suitable way, and has asked what he should or should not do. The financing and other aspects of the project were briefly discussed. There was consensus that the Commission would explore a joint project with the Cemetery Trustees for the Church Hill Cemetery. A meeting at the cemetery, perhaps with the property owner, was discussed, but a date was not easily found. Downing will contact Don Latulippe about a possible visit, and then contact Hughes about the date.

Other projects. Possible National Register and State Register nominations were discussed, but there were no public buildings that were obvious candidates for nominations. Hughes suggested inventorying the various plaques in public buildings and places, such as the honorary plaques in the Fire Station. The inventory could be placed on the internet or published as a pamphlet. Ruell pointed out that the Town Hall does not have a plaque indicating that it was on the National Register. Hughes suggested discussing a Town Hall National Register plaque with the selectmen and the Town Manager.

Review of Files. Sue Harville read through the files, but as she could not attend the meeting, it was agreed to postpone the discussion of the review to a future meeting. Discussion of the status of the barn survey was also postponed to see what the files contain.

Other Business. Hughes distributed posters for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ashland Railroad Station. DeWolfe spoke on past efforts of the Commission. She said that the selectmen are still waiting for the final report on the LCHIP study of the Town Hall. Hughes explained that he represented the Heritage Commission on a visit by land use boards to a Thompson Street property, but nothing came of that visit.

On a motion by J. Harville, seconded by Ruell, it was voted to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

David Ruell, Secretary