

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 2015

Members present: Maher, DeWolfe, Stevens, Ruell, Sharps
Others present: Sue Longley, Fran Newton

The meeting started at 4 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Terms of office Maher explained that two members (Maher and Stevens) have three year terms and two (DeWolfe and Ruell) have two year terms. Sharps, the selectman member, has a one year term.

Rules of Procedure The Commission continued its review of the proposed Rules of Procedure based on those of the Moultonboro Heritage Commission's Rules. The consensus on various issues was as follows in "III Membership", remove the limit on number of terms
in III, remove the sentence on staggering the initial terms of members
in "IV Officers", remove the requirement that the Chair preside at "all" meetings by deleting the word "all", delete the requirement that the Chair "sign all official correspondence of the Commission" and add the sentence "In the absence of the Chair, the members present shall select a presiding officer for that meeting."
in "VI Powers and Duties", add to the last paragraph "To supervise and govern the operation of the Whipple House Museum"
in "VII Advisory Role", to leave in place the references to RSA 79-D and RSA79-E
in "VIII Adoption and Amendments" to drop the references to adoption and to replace the first sentence with "These Rules of Procedure may be amended at a meeting of the Commission by a majority vote of the members, provided that such amendment is read at a meeting of the Commission at least 21 days prior to the vote and that all members of the Commission were provided with a copy of the amendment at least 14 days prior to the vote."
in "IX Effective Date" to add the references to adoption.
During the discussion, it was pointed out that the Commission should look at the lease of the Whipple House to the Ashland Historical Society.

Finances Stevens reported that he had talked to Town Treasurer Linda Guyotte, who noted that the Commission can spend money, but cannot hold funds. She agreed to establish an account for the Commission, after she returns from her vacation. Stevens will present the Commission's request for a \$1000 budget to the Selectmen at their meeting the next day. Sharps will present the Commission's request for the authority to accept gifts and donations at the same meeting.

Other Ashland Organizations and Events Maher presented and reviewed her memo comparing non-profit organizations, town sponsored events and town committees. She described the current relationship of the 4th of July Committee to the Town and the AARA. The Committee raises money under the AARA, and then gives it to the Town to pay specific 4th of July expenses. This allows the Committee to operate under the AARA insurance and to keep money from year to year. The insurance does cost the AARA \$900 per year, which the 4th of July Committee has paid for the past two years. She believes that, through the Heritage Commission, the Town could cover the 4th of July event. Longley noted that Community Council is in a similar position with the Town Wide Yard Sale and Christmas Night. Maher felt that the 4th of July, the 150th Anniversary, the Town Wide Yard Sale and Christmas Night might all come under the umbrella of the Heritage Commission to take advantage of the Town's insurance. She reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of the change for the organizations involved, and felt that the Commission should develop documents to explain the possible changes to these organizations. The Community Council's future was discussed. But, for this year's Christmas Night, it was clear that the Community Council should continue under the AARA coverage.

Christmas Night Newton noted that businesses had expressed interest at the last Economic Development

Committee business gathering in getting more involved in town events, like Christmas Night, so a meeting at Dot's on October 20 and another meeting on November 10 will focus on how businesses can be involved in Christmas Night. Longley will attend the October meeting. She reviewed the part businesses have played in the event over the years. Maher asked to what extent the Town's insurance now covers the event, particularly in Memorial Park

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10 at the Fire Station. On a motion by Stevens, seconded by DeWolfe, it was voted to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by David Ruell, Secretary