

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

AUGUST 8, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Minutes. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Maher, it was voted to approve the minutes of the July meeting with the correction of the date to July 11 and the addition of Leavitt Hill Road as the address of the place.

Finances. Maher reported that, after the final monies are collected from Chesley Vending and six advertisers, the Fourth of July Fund will total \$26,676.24. The Commission's operating budget has \$855.00 left in it.

Fourth Of July. Maher explained that a meeting of the Fourth of July Committee the following Monday, August 14, may determine if the Committee will continue to operate. According to the Committee bylaws, if the Committee ceases to function, the Fourth of July funds in the Heritage Fund may be used by the Commission for other cultural events in Ashland.

Barn Survey. Maher filled out the first survey form for the Stevens barn with the information provided by Frank Stevens. A mistake was made on the barn type, as it should be a New England Bank barn. She found that the form has problems with formatting. MacLeod was unable to add more than one photo to the form. Changes to the barn survey form were discussed, as were the photos and maps for the form. The consensus was to create new map and photo pages, remove duplicate entries and entries of little use in Ashland, such as Special Designations and Farming over 100 Years, and to add space for historic information. Maher will work on revising the form. MacLeod had prepared a binder with information for the barn surveyors. How to finish the Stevens form and what materials to provide the barn owners were discussed. Each barn owner should get a copy of the survey form, in part so that they can review the form for errors. It was agreed to survey the Sharps

barn next, as another practice run. Maher suggested doing the Dion barn following the Sharps barn. After some discussion, it was agreed to survey the Sharps barn at 3 p.m. on Monday, August 14, with Wednesday, August 16 as the rain date. Maher informed Stevens of the proposed Sharps barn date.

150th Anniversary House Photos. The Commission discussed how to advertise the project, such as through the school, social media, posters, etc. and other ways of getting photos of houses. Maher will work on how to collect and store the photos.

Master Plan. The update of the historic resources section of the Master Plan will be forwarded to the Planning Board.

Webpage. The website has been updated by Mardean Badger, who has asked if anything should be changed in or added to the Commission webpage, including possibly more photos. Maher suggested moving current projects, like the barn survey, to the top of the page, and moving the Commission history to a lower position. The consensus was that the page should be rearranged as suggested.

Squamstock. Maher explained the history of Squamstock, which began as a rapprochement with Holderness on the 150th anniversary of our separation from that town. The original plan was to hold the party at Cottage Place, but it would have to be before or after the tourist season, and the sharing of their beach with the resort's customers was an issue. The next idea was to make it part of the 150th anniversary week, as no major event was planned for the Thursday of that week, July 26. The location was shifted to the Town beach, the covered bridge and the Riveredge Marina, with activities on the beach, a meal and a tug of war on the bridge, and beer garden in the Riveredge function room, and to sell tickets to cover costs and to raise funds for the Ashland and Holderness schools. She got the agreement of Barry Gaw, the Parks and Recreation Director and the Police Chief. The 150th Anniversary Committee initially supported the plan, but then held a special meeting and changed its opinion because the proceeds would not support the 150th celebration, the event would have a separate logo, and it was an Ashland-

Holderness event rather than an Ashland 150th event. So, the 150th Anniversary Committee will not sponsor the event, and preferred that it not be hold before or during the 150th celebration week. The committee suggested finding another organization to sponsor the event. Maher is thinking of holding the event on Sunday, July 1, but has not yet contacted the various participants and authorities to see if that date is acceptable. Maher asked if the Heritage Commission would be willing to sponsor the Squamstock event. She figured that the event would cost about \$1000 to \$1500, including the hiring of police and lifeguards. MacLeod suggested the Holderness Historical Society as a co-sponsor. On a motion by Maher, seconded by Sharps, it was voted 5 to 0 to sponsor the Squamstock celebration as a Town event during the summer of 2018. After consulting the parties she has already contacted, Maher will also have to get the Selectmen's approval for the use of the bridge and the beach for the event. She will work on a budget for the event, and hopes to raise up to \$1000 for each school. The Commissioners admired the Squamstock logo.

On a motion by Maher, seconded by Ruell, it was voted to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.