

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION
JUNE 12, 2018

Members Present: MacLeod, Maher, Hughes, DeWolfe; Ruell and Sharps absent with notice.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Ashland Fire Station.

Reorganization: With two regular members not present, nomination and vote for officers was postponed to next meeting.

Alternate DeWolfe designated to vote; Hughes to be minute-taker.

Minutes: Two corrections were noted: spelling of Shutterfly and Flickr On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by DeWolfe, it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 10 meeting as amended.

Correspondence: NH Humanities and NH Preservation Alliance newsletters. Maher read a letter she received from Bob Guida, our State Senator to the Ashland Historical Society congratulating it for the preservation award for the Whitten House project. Maher will pass the letter on to the AHS.

Financial Report: Maher reported current operating balance is \$850 after payments of \$100 for stickers, and \$50 for NHPA membership. There was a question on why Heritage Commission is under "Patriotic Purposes" in Town expense report. Technically, it is a land use board. There was a discussion on the Heritage Fund not being established as a separate money market account, as we had been lead to believe. It took a 91-A request after months of asking for a bank statement to get this information. The balance for the Heritage Fund should be \$1406 with unexpended operating funds rolling into it at the end of each year. Previous inaccurate entry of \$235 income from NH Humanities into Heritage Fund instead of operating budget rectified at year's end when operating funds rolled into Heritage Fund.

Town Hall LCHIP Grant: Architect Norman Larson from the Christopher Williams firm did a tour of the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 6; Maher, MacLeod attended along with TA Smith and Town Clerk Patsy Tucker. He plans to return the third week of June to more thoroughly examine, measure and photograph the interior and will coordinate with Chief Randall and TA Smith to have access to the building after hours. He will then create blueprints for the structural engineer who will inspect next and a preliminary report of condition will be drafted. A priority list of safety issues and recommended rehabilitation will follow, and if requested, a future use analysis.

Barn Survey: On hold.

House Photo Project: No update.

Squamstock: The date, Sunday, July 1, the time 4 to 7 p.m. at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA) agreed to be fiscal agent and will handle all income to distribute to schools. Stickers are being sold in advance with \$95 already collected. Logistics: 3-5 art tables with volunteers guiding painting and other craft projects; games in grassy field; decorations are done; looking for pop-up tents; attendees will get a wristband (paid for by donor Missy

Mason). Food not finalized, but 1960s theme including jello molds, sloppy joe sliders, wonder bread, period candies (?), etc. and will need to guesstimate attendance (~75) to get cost of food and paper products into budget, probably \$300-500. All proceeds intended to go to the schools, not to cover costs, so still looking for donors to make/buy food and all supplies.

Maher distributed a draft of language for “peace promise” to be signed by all attendees. No town officials will be signing prior to the event
4:50 p.m. Hughes left on an EMT call.

Suggestion that everyone review and edit it, and send changes to Maher. DeWolfe motioned that the Heritage Commission finalize and print two (2) copies of the document [one for each town]; MacLeod agreed to cover the cost; motion seconded by Maher. All in favor.

Town Hall Decoration: MacLeod will follow up on coordinating with DPW Director for the hanging of star and bunting.

NEW BUSINESS

New email address: heritage@ashland.nh.gov is now activated. Password will be supplied to Commissioners for box to be accessible to all.

Other: DeWolfe, Maher and MacLeod attended the heritage roundtable in Center Harbor where experiences and ideas were shared with commissioners from five other towns.

Next meeting: Review Rules of Procedure to update regarding 91-A, committees, etc.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Maher, it was voted to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Kendall Hughes