

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

AUGUST 14, 2018

Members Present: MacLeod, DeWolfe, Ruell, Hughes

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

Reorganization. After some discussion, it was voted on a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Ruell, to elect Kendall B. Hughes as Chair. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Hughes, it was voted to elect David Ruell as Secretary. After discussion, the consensus was that, given the small size of our budget, we did not need to elect a finance person.

Budget. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Hughes, it was voted to submit a Heritage Commission budget of \$1000 for 2019.

Posting and Quorums. The Commission discussed the postings and quorums for subcommittee meetings and the barn survey.

Minutes. On a motion by Hughes, seconded by DeWolfe, it was voted to approve the July 10 minutes.

Correspondence. The only correspondence was the NH Humanities newsletter.

Finances. There has been no change in our finances since the July meeting.

Town of Ashland Appreciation Day. Police Chief Randall reported at the Selectmen's meeting that the jail had been cleaned out and the floor repaired. But, there is still need to reorganize the shelves, which need some work as well. There was also the issue of access to the upper shelves. It was agreed to meet at the jail to review the situation with DPW Director Craig Moore. After a review of dates, Hughes called Moore and arranged a meeting for 2 p.m. on August 21 at the jail. The Community Church is willing to prepare a free barbecue. There was also discussion of program and publicity for the event.

War Memorials Program. MacLeod explained the draft narrative is done. It still has to be edited and photographs added. She will continue to work on it.

1934 Movie. Hughes noted the 1934 movie of Ashland that is now in the possession of the Fire Department. They have made DVDs from it. He would like to show it to groups, particularly to those who could identify the people in the movie, such as at the elderly housing apartments.

Town Hall Study. DeWolfe reported on the meeting of the Selectmen with the architect working on the Town Hall study under the LCHIP grant. They discussed issues with the building, such as security at public meetings and in the Town Office. She thinks that the cost of the renovation of the Town Hall will be quite large, and suggested that it may lead to the formation of a space needs committee to look at all town buildings. The deficiencies of the Town Office and Police Station were reviewed, including the need for a public waiting area for the Office.

Rules of Procedure. The proposed change to the Rules of Procedure was presented at the July meeting. On a motion by Ruell, seconded by DeWolfe, it was voted unanimously to add a new Article 8 on Committees and to renumber the two Articles on Amendments and on Adoption and Effective Date accordingly. The new article reads as follows:

Article 8 Committees

The Commission may appoint committees to work on specific projects, with at least one Commissioner on the committee who shall report back to the Commission. Committees are subject to RSA 91-A and shall keep minutes and post all meetings.

Whipple House. Ruell reported that the masons had arrived that morning to begin work on the replacement of the Whipple House chimney.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Ruell, it was voted to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

David Ruell, Secretary