

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

APRIL 28, 2021

Present: Kendall Hughes, David Ruell, John Harville, Susan Harville, Robert Letourneau (selectman alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Booster Clubhouse.

Reorganization. Since the Commission had not met since January of 2020 because of the pandemic, it was time to elect officers. On a motion by S. Harville, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted without opposition to elect Kendall Hughes as Chair. On a motion by Hughes, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted without opposition to elect Susan Harville as Vice Chair. On a motion by S. Harville, seconded by Hughes, it was voted without opposition to elect John Harville as Treasurer. On a motion by Hughes, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted without opposition to elect David Ruell as Secretary.

Fourth of July. Hughes explained that the Selectmen had determined at a recent meeting that the non-lapsing Fourth of July funds should be held under the auspices of either the Trustee of Trust Funds or the Heritage Commission. The Commissioners discussed the merits of the two options and whether the Commission should take on the Fourth of July funds, as it had in the past. On a motion by Ruell, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted unanimously that the Heritage Commission assume oversight of the Fourth of July funds. (This vote was conditional on the action of the Fourth of July Committee, which was to meet later in the evening.) The process for handling Fourth of July bills was reviewed. The Fourth of July Committee will send them to the Commission's Treasurer who will approve and send them on to the Town Treasurer. The proposed 2021 budget, with \$23,901 for income and \$9655 for expenses, was also reviewed. On a motion by S. Harville, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted to approve the 2021 Fourth of July budget as presented.

Next meeting. Hughes suggested that the next meeting be held on May 19, prior to the Fourth of July Committee meeting.

On a motion by S. Harville, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.