

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

May 19, 2021

Members Present: Hughes, Ruell, S. Harville, J. Harville

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Booster Clubhouse.

Minutes. On a motion by S. Harville, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted without opposition to approve the minutes of the April 28 meeting.

Finances. J. Harville reported no change in the Commission's finances.

Fourth of July. Hughes noted that there was little change in the 4th of July finances. The Fourth of July Committee has sent out its advertising letter, which meant with a very good response. Almost all of the ads and banners have been sold. The Committee will have to wait for the arrival of the new Town Manager to approve contracts. He noted competition with Waterville Valley for food trucks and bands.

Cemetery Project. Sherrie Downing called Hughes about proceeding with the cemetery project, starting with the Church Hill Cemetery, but was unable to attend this meeting. She plans to attend the next Commission meeting.

National Register Markers. Of the 7 properties on the National Register, only three (Whipple House, St. Mark's Church, Community Church) have National Register plaques, while four (Railroad Station, Town Hall, Old School, Gristmill) do not. Ruell is to research suitable markers.

Informational Boards. Hughes also suggested erecting historical information boards for historic properties.

Ashland Welcome and Boundary Signs. The Town has welcome signs on Route 3 at the cemetery and near the Holderness boundary. But, they are considered small and inconspicuous. Replacing them with larger and more

noticeable welcome signs and perhaps adding a welcome sign on Route 132 were discussed. State highways have signs marking the town boundaries. Town roads shared with other towns have no markers indicating the Ashland boundary, although Holderness usually does have such signs on the roads it shares with Ashland. Adding such boundary signs was also discussed. Later, Hughes suggested that putting up a sign could be the focus of the annual Town appreciation day. He will inquire as to who made the large welcome signs in Bristol and New Hampton.

Barn Survey. When Sue Harville reviewed the Commission files, she found materials on how to do barn surveys and blank survey forms, but no completed barn surveys. The status of the survey was reviewed. Ruell will contact Frank Stevens and Susan MacLeod about the survey forms for the Stevens and Dion barns.

Whipple House Roof. On a motion by Ruell, seconded by J. Harville, it was voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the Moose Plate Grant the Ashland Historical Society is seeking for the Whipple House roof.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, at the Ashland Railroad Station Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

David Ruell, Secretary