

# ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

## JUNE 14, 2016

Members Present: Maher, MacLeod, Sharps, Ruell

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Minutes. On a motion by MacLeod, seconded by Sharps, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 10 meeting.

Commissioners. Maher noted the resignation of Commissioner Frank Stevens following the death of his brother. She will send a card of condolence on behalf of the Commission. Maher spoke of the need to recruit Commission members. Ruell suggested posted notices and mentions in the Ashland news column, which was subsequently agreed to by consensus. Maher suggested perhaps doing a paid advertisement. Possible candidates were discussed.

Finances. Maher said that \$9000 of ads have been sold for the Fourth of July and that \$6000+ of that money had already been deposited in the Heritage Fund. She also felt that there will be a surplus at the end of this year's holiday celebration that will also be transferred to the Heritage Fund.

Barn Survey. Stevens had been the proponent and leader of the Barn Survey project. Maher suggested that the survey be delayed to see if Stevens will return to work on the survey, either as a Commission member or as a volunteer. The consensus of the Commission was to wait some months before proceeding with the barn survey. Sharps suggested a category of "speciality barns" in the survey for those barns that are not typical agricultural buildings.

LCHIP Grant for Town Hall. MacLeod has been working on the application to LCHIP for a grant for an historic structures report on the Town Hall. She has already sent a letter of intent to LCHIP. After consulting James Garvin, MacLeod obtained an estimate of \$21,950 to \$32,000 from architect Chris

Williams. She used the lower estimate of \$22,000 for the grant proposal. The Town would have to provide 50% of that amount \$11,000, half of which, \$5500. could be in-kind donation of services, etc. The Commissioners discussed the needs of the building. They reviewed the application form and the outline MacLeod had developed for filling it in. The consensus was that MacLeod would do the first draft of the form and e-mail it to the other Commissioners, who would review it and respond promptly. The application is due on Friday, June 24, and must be approved by the selectmen at their June 20 meeting, so the form must be completed soon, hopefully in time to send to the Selectmen before their meeting.

Program. The August 11 NH Humanities program sponsored by the Heritage Commission was discussed briefly.

Next meeting. As the July meeting was to be devoted to the barn survey, it will probably not be held. There was an inconclusive discussion of the next meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

David Ruell, Recording Secretary