

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2016

Members present: Maher, MacLeod, Ruell, Sharps (late)

Others present: Jeanette Stewart, Jane Sawyer, Bob Baker

The meeting began at about 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Minutes On a motion by MacLeod, seconded by Maher, it was voted to approve the minutes of June 14.

Correspondence The only correspondence was the NH Humanities paperwork for the August program.

Vacancy There was a brief discussion of possible candidates for the vacant position on the Commission.

August Program The Commission will co-sponsor "On This Spot Once Stood..." on August 11 at the Railroad Station Museum. MacLeod and Ruell volunteered to provide some of the refreshments. MacLeod noted the need for the Heritage Commission to have some handouts for such events.

LCHIP Grant The LCHIP planning grant for the Town Hall was submitted by MacLeod. The grant decisions will be made in mid November and announced at the end of that month.

Town Hall Building Review Maher suggested that the Commission should do a review of the Town Hall similar to that done of the Whipple House, with photographs and information, as a preparation for the LCHIP planning grant. This work could be used as part of the in-kind match for the LCHIP grant, so she said that all involved should keep track of the hours they devoted to the project. Ruell noted that the best sources for historical research would be town meeting records, town reports, and newspapers. The logistics of the work was discussed.

Budget After some discussion, it was voted, on a motion by Maher, seconded by MacLeod, to request \$1000 for the 2017 Heritage Commission budget.

Next Meeting The August program will serve as a Commission meeting. The usual September meeting date was complicated by the state primary. So, the next full meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11.

Signs The Commissioners discussed the task of dealing with official Town signs that was given to the Commission at the Selectmen's July 6 meeting. The consensus was that the Commission should work on policies and procedures to recommend to the Selectmen and that it could serve as the agency through which sign proposals would be presented to the Selectmen for their ultimate approval. The Town of Freeport, Maine sign ordinance was suggested as a model the Commission could draw on.

On a motion by MacLeod, seconded by Maher, it was voted to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

David Ruell, Recording Secretary