

ASHLAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

APRIL 11, 2017

Members Present: Maher, Ruell, DeWolfe, MacLeod, Sharps

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Fire Station.

Minutes. The March 21 minutes were reviewed. It was noted that the day of the next meeting was given as Thursday, instead of Tuesday. On a motion by MacLeod, seconded by DeWolfe, it was voted to approve the minutes with that correction.

Correspondence. MacLeod presented the NH Humanities calendars, The Laker article on the LCHIP grant, and NH Preservation Alliance notices of barn preservation workshops. Maher noted that the Commission has no way of informing the public of such events, and needs to develop better ways of communicating with the townspeople.

Election of Officers. A motion was made by Sharps and seconded by DeWolfe to elect Maher as chair. But, she declined the nomination. Maher suggested moving the positions around, and volunteered to be finance officer. After some discussion, it was voted, on a motion by Sharps, seconded by DeWolfe, to elect MacLeod as chair, Maher as finance officer and Ruell as secretary.

Town Hall. Ruell has begun research for an Historical Society program on the Town Hall in September.

Barn Survey. Maher suggested working on the barn survey at the May meeting or at a special group meeting. The survey forms and where they would be deposited were discussed. Sharps will contact Frank Stevens about the survey.

NH Preservation Alliance. On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by MacLeod, it was voted to join the N.H. Preservation Alliance and to pay the annual \$50

membership fee.

Review of Master Plan Chapter. The Commissioners reviewed the Cultural and Historical Resources chapter of the Ashland Master Plan. Maher had done extensive editing of the document and other Commissioners made suggestions. Changes approved included a rewrite of parts of the introduction in 9.1; explanation of the division of the towns and rewrite of some of the second paragraph in 9.2; update of the Reuben Whitten House and the Ashland Historical Society and dropping the Historic Commission in 9.2.1; updates of the building histories and numbers, addition of new photos and a section on the NH State Register of Historic Places (which would include the Reuben Whitten House) in 9.2.2, and an update on the Heritage Commission in 9.2.3. At this point, Maher's computer died and the review stopped. Maher promised to send the rest of her edited document to the Commissioners and asked them to send in their own suggestions. The Commissioners also discussed the community survey proposed by the Planning Board and the questions the Heritage Commission might include in that survey, as well as making the 1984 historic inventory forms available to the public.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9.

On a motion by Maher, seconded by Sharps, it was voted to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

David Ruell, Recording Secretary