

# **TOWN OF RYE – HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Members Present: Chair Bev Giblin, Vice-Chair Rich Davis, Mae Bradshaw, Peter White, Alex Herlihy and Selectmen's Rep Craig Musselman.***

***Others Present: Town Administrator Michael Magnant***

## **I. Call to Order**

Chair Giblin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. Discussion about the LCHIP Grant**

Chair Giblin stated that she, Member Bradshaw and Selectman Musselman worked on filling out the LChip Grant application on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at a work session at Town Hall. The application was completed by Member Bradshaw and sent to Selectman Musselman.

Selectman Musselman stated that there were some edits. There was also some input received from LChip, which was different than information received prior to that.

Member Bradshaw stated that LChip said that if the Town wanted to do the full \$150,000 project, a historic assessment report would be needed. The costs for doing such a report is between \$20,000 and \$25,000. She asked the commission if they are in agreement to do this report.

Selectman Musselman stated that the agreement on Saturday was to have a budget of roughly \$75,000 for painting and an allowance of 30% for repairs, which would bring the amount to about \$95,000. He continued that they also looked at adding the funds of \$25,000 for the study. He continued that grant money will not become available until November. The application would need to be amended to do this other study. LChip will cover half of this historic assessment that they are requiring. The assessment will look at the exterior, interior and what other uses the building might be used for. If in November, it is known that there may be other options elsewhere for Town Hall, looking at uses for the building would be the next step. This would fit in perfectly with the timing. He noted that minor adjustments are needed to the application to call the study a historic assessment and refer to the scope that was sent from LChip. Also, the amount requested will need to be adjusted from the \$95,000 to \$120,000.

There was discussion on some of the repairs that may be needed in order to paint.

Town Administrator Michael Magnant will follow up with the painting contractor to see if \$22,000 will be enough to cover the cost for repairs that are needed in order to paint.

Selectman Musselman noted that the Selectmen will need to vote on filing for the grant. The completed application will be needed for the Board of Selectmen's review at their next meeting.

Town Administrator Magnant will also speak to Attorney Donovan in regards to whether the Town can spend money to do the planning study, which was not part of the warrant article that was voted down by the voters in March. He will also see if there is a valid funding source for building maintenance or in the town budget otherwise.

The commission worked on making changes to the grant application.

### **III. Other Business**

- None
- Next Meeting – July 6, 2017

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Peter White to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Craig Musselman. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger