

TOWN OF RYE – HERITAGE COMMISSION

**Thursday, July 6, 2017
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

Members Present: Chair Bev Giblin, Vice-Chair Rich Davis, Mae Bradshaw and Peter White

I. Call to Order

Chair Giblin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Giblin called for a moment of silence for Christine Remick who passed away recently. Chris served graciously as a member of the Heritage Commission and the Rye Historical Society. She was always willing to give to her community and help out wherever she was needed. The Town of Rye held a special place in her heart. She will be greatly missed by all.

II. Introduction of Members

Chair Giblin led the introduction of members present.

Member Bradshaw noted that the Commission is now a six member commission. A quorum would be four members. Anything that the commission votes on at this meeting will be official.

III. Approval of Minutes

- **June 1, 2017**

Motion by Rich Davis to approve the minutes of June 1, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Peter White. All in favor.

IV. Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report**

Member White stated that he does not have a Treasurer's Report available for the meeting. He noted that the Heritage Commission is consistently on budget or below budget with expenditures. The cash balance is consistent with last month.

V. Status L-Chip Grant

Member Bradshaw noted that she has a letter that was sent to Selectman Musselman regarding the L-Chip Grant. This letter was in response to Selectman Musselman's letter that said they initially had an estimate of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the exterior condition assessment for the Town Hall building. A representative from L-Chip wrote back and said that they would contribute \$10,000 to \$12,500 towards the study and suggested some firms that could be consulted for the work.

Chair Giblin noted that the grant application has been submitted. She wrote to L-Chip and stated that if they needed anything to get in touch. She has not heard back and it seems that they are on track.

VI. NH Division of Historical Resources

Member Bradshaw stated that she spoke with NH Division of Historical Resources regarding the government program that encompasses the properties in the Historic District to allow for tax incentives to homeowners for certain work done to their properties. They would like to speak with the Heritage Commission in September regarding the program. Member Bradshaw suggested inviting the Historic District Commission, Historical Society and the Selectmen.

The Commission Members agreed the meeting would be beneficial.

Member Bradshaw agreed to send out notices of the meeting to the Rye Civic League and the Portsmouth Herald.

- **Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7th, the Heritage Commission's monthly meeting.**
(Location to be determined – The Commission will try to reserve the Library meeting room.)

VII. Fundraising for Matching Grant

Member Bradshaw spoke to the Commission regarding the idea of having a sponsor donate funds, approximately \$10,000, for printed t-shirts, hats, book bags and other merchandise with the town hall logo. The merchandise would be sold to raise funds for the \$75,000 match for the L-Chip Grant. She also spoke about fundraising parties.

The members agreed to email Chair Giblin names of people who may be potential sponsors.

Member Bradshaw agreed to get pricing for:

- 500 – T-shirts
- 500 – Hats
- 250 – Umbrellas
- 250 – Book Bags

Chair Giblin spoke to the Commission about running an auction for raising funds. The auction could be held in late October or early November in time for Christmas. All items would be donated so the funds raised would be pure profit. She noted that she can get a room donated from Abenaki Country Club with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

The Commission also discussed having a boat party on the Thomas Leighton.

Chair Giblin spoke about holding small, intimate fundraisers, such as a dinner for 10 people for \$500 per person. This could possibly be held at the Beach Club.

Member Bradshaw suggested holding a fundraiser where \$100 donation would get people's name on a plaque, which would be hung at Town Hall. This fundraiser could be done by mail. She also suggested holding a sunset cruise to the Isles of Shoals for about 20 people. She has a friend who may be willing to donate the boat for the cruise.

Action Items:

- Chair Giblin to talk with the Abenaki about times the room might be available in the fall.
- Chair Giblin will call the Thomas Leighton for more information on holding a boat party possibly in September.
- Member Bradshaw will research pricing for the merchandising.
- Member Bradshaw will research the idea of holding a sunset cruise to the Shoals.
- Chair Giblin will research more information on doing an intimate fundraising dinner.

The Commission agreed to hold a work session to work on fundraising during July.

- Work Session tentatively scheduled for July 20th, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
(*To be confirmed by Chair Giblin.*)

VIII. Graveyard Project

- **Tabled for Member Tegeder to be present.**

IX. New Business

- Chair Giblin noted that she has a person who is interested in becoming a member of the Commission. She has asked her to attend the August meeting to meet the other members.
- **Next Monthly Meeting: August 3rd, 2017**

Adjournment

Motion by Peter White to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Rich Davis. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Dyana Ledger