

RYE HERITAGE COMMISSION

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Present: Chair Beverly Giblin, Mae Bradshaw, Peter White, Alex Herlihy, Alternates Gail Hughes, Anne Richter-Arnold, Elizabeth Sanborn and Philip Walsh
Selectmen's Rep Keriann Roman (arrived at 6:47 p.m.)***

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Giblin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Giblin seated Elizabeth Sanborn for James Tegeder and Gail Hughes for Rich Davis.

II. Approval of Minutes – June 2018

Motion by Peter White to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Alex Herlihy. Vote: 5-0-1 Abstained: Mae Bradshaw

Chair Giblin announced that James Tegeder is resigning from the Commission. James is a valuable asset to the commission and he will be greatly missed. His service and commitment to the community is greatly appreciated.

There was discussion on the process for moving an alternate to a full member to fill the vacant seat.

III. Reports:

• Treasurer's Report – Peter White

Member White noted that 14% of the Heritage Commission's Budget has been spent to date. There is still \$1,200 available for postage and flyers. There is room to order flyers for the annual fundraiser in the budget. The commission should start thinking about what the content of the flyer will be and what the time frame should be. The best success for the fundraiser has been in late September through October. The content for the flyer can be discussed at the next meeting. He continued that they have raised \$1,500 since the last treasurer's report, which was May 31st. The commission has received some additional funds so that brings the amount raised so far to over \$2,000. He noted that the commission has over \$15,000 and are in a strong financial position right now.

**Motion by Elizabeth Sanborn to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of June.
Seconded by Gail Hughes. All in favor.**

Member Bradshaw submitted a bill to Member White for the commission's annual membership dues for the N.H. Preservation Alliance.

Note: *Selectmen's Rep Keriann Roman arrived at 6:47 p.m.*

- **Review of Spring Cruise**

Chair Giblin noted that the online sales totaled \$500. The total of funds collected the evening of the cruise totaled \$975 with checks coming in after the cruise totaling \$1,150. The raffle brought in another \$502. The total for the cruise fundraiser was \$3,127.

Member White noted there is over \$16,000 in the account.

Chair Giblin noted that the owners of the Carriage House sent a check for \$75 as a cash donation, which can be added to the proceeds.

Member Bradshaw commented that the goodwill from the cruise was extraordinary. She heard lots of wonderful comments about the event.

Chair Giblin stated the cruise was a big success and was very easy to coordinate.

IV. Town Hall Brochures – Denis Lipman

Alternate Walsh stated that Denis Lipman could not be present at the meeting; however, he is very happy with the brochure. (He submitted copies of the brochure to the members for their review.) He noted that Mr. Lipman has passed out brochures to many of the businesses in town. He would like feedback from the commission on other thoughts for the brochure.

The commission discussed other places to submit brochures.

V. Rye Beach Magazine

Member Herlihy suggested that the commission write an article for the September issue of Rye Magazine about the Heritage Commission. There are residents who do not understand the charge of the commission. The more education and publicity that can be put out there the better. One example that could be put into the article is an over view of the cruise and its success as a fundraiser.

Chair Giblin suggested the mission statement of the commission be included with bullet points about what they do.

Member Bradshaw agreed to work on a draft article for the magazine.

VI. Town Hall Painting Status

Selectman Roman noted that the painting contractor has been hired, who came highly recommended. The contractor said that the best time to paint would be in the fall, which coincides with the Historic Structures Report. She believes the report is underway and is proceeding on schedule. The report is intended to be complete in August.

VII. Other Project Updates

Member Bradshaw noted that the Memorial Day Celebration was a success. The Heritage Commission was thanked and mentioned in Rye Magazine for serving refreshments during the event.

VIII. “Odiorne 1623” Committee Projects Cemetery and Graveyard Tasks - Alex Herlihy

Member Herlihy stated that the idea of the committee is to use the anniversary date, such as 2023, to explore the history and work on projects to help build community. On July 30th, 6:30 p.m., at the Library, a gathering is being held to discuss ideas. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. He commented that this should be used as an incentive to get projects done by that anniversary date. He continued that this does not just apply to exploring history. It applies to any projects that have been started or are “stuck” midstream. This could be an incentive to get those projects going. He pointed out that the things that have been discussed on the committee dovetail with the purpose of the Heritage Commission. He invited the members of the commission to meet with the committee on July 30th to discuss how they can become involved.

IX. Old Business

• Certified Local Government Program

Member Bradshaw noted that more information is needed for the application before it can be sent on for the final vote. She and Member Herlihy are planning to work on getting that information; however, help is welcome from other commission members.

• Capital Improvements Plan Committee (CIP)

Member Bradshaw stated that the CIP Committee is meeting July 30th. The Heritage Commission is supposed to submit a narrative about any capital expenditure it plans over \$15,000. She has not heard that the commission is doing anything in excess of this amount so she will send that report to the committee.

- **Pulpit Rock Tower**

Member Herlihy stated that he cannot believe the progress the 'Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower' have made on the tower. The money they have raised and the work that they have done is extraordinary. He is really proud of the work they have done. He suggested that they ask Patricia Weathersby for a special tour for the Heritage Commission.

The other members agreed this would be beneficial.

- **Plan N.H.**

Member Bradshaw stated that the first meeting with Plan N.H. was held with a group of people representing committees and commissions in town. They may be working on a presentation for the Selectmen.

Selectman Roman explained that Selectman Winslow wanted something written regarding what the application would look like so it would not be an open-ended thing. The select board asked Steven Borne to put something in writing as to what part of town this would involve and what the charrette included. From there, the select board will vote on whether they support the idea. At that point, a group of people from the town will be formed to prepare the application. Once the application is complete, it will go to the select board for them to decide if they would like to write a letter in support.

Member Bradshaw explained that it seemed that Plan N.H. likes to do smaller projects first, in order to get a feel for the town. The mood in the meeting seemed to be that some people wanted to do the whole town or the whole Historic District. In her mind, this will just perpetuate the conflict.

- **Rye Historic District**

Member Bradshaw noted the Historic District has put out a new brochure to be sent to new residents who move into the district. Member Herlihy has offered the museum for an event for all the people who live in the Historic District. People will be given the brochure with all the ordinances and information regarding the district.

- **Old Graveyards**

There was some discussion about the old graveyards that have not been adopted and are in need of tending. The Public Works Department has asked if the commission would like their help in cleaning up the sites.

Next Meeting:

- **Thursday, August 2, 2018**
The meeting will be held at the Town Hall with a cookout/get-together immediately following at Chair Giblin's home.

Adjournment

Motion by Rich Davis to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Peter White. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger