

**Town of Rye
Heritage Commission
Thursday, August 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Rye Town Hall**

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

I. Call to Order

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

Chair Giblin noted that Alex Herlihy wrote a very nice piece in tribute to Christine Remick who passed away recently.

Member White commented that Chris was an exceptional contribution to the town and to everyone's lives. She will be greatly missed.

- Member Bradshaw submitted a copy of the new policy on board and commission appointments. The new policy requires a posting of the new vacancy. The posting needs to be done 30 days before a new member is presented to the Board of Selectmen. The new policy also requires a vote of the full board or commission before being presented to the Selectmen.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2017

Motion by Peter White to approve the minutes of July 6, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Rich Davis. Vote: 4-0-1. Abstained: Craig Musselman.

III. Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report – PW**

Member White reported that the Heritage Commission's checking account balance is \$12,755.66. There is still 64% of the operating budget remaining for the year.

Member Bradshaw pointed out the advertising and postage budget is used in the fourth quarter for fundraising. There may also be a small expense for light refreshments for the joint meeting on September 7th.

Motion by Rich Davis to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July. Seconded by Craig Musselman. All in favor.

Member Bradshaw also noted that the honorarium award is presented in December and those funds will be spent from the budget during the last part of the year as well.

There was discussion on sending the fundraiser the beginning of September. Member White will work on the mailer.

Chair Giblin noted that she will work on an article for the Town Newsletter which is now due. The article will give an update on what the Heritage Commission is working on and what are projects that are coming up in the future.

IV. Membership Status and Demolition Committee

There is an open seat on the Demolition Committee, which needs to be filled by a Heritage Commission Member.

Chair Giblin will reach out to Alex Herlihy, who is an alternate on the committee, to see if he would like to fill the open seat.

V. NH Division of Historical Resources and Sept. 7th joint meeting

Members of the Historical Society, Historic District Commission and the Conservation Commission are invited to attend the joint meeting. The meeting is being held at the Rye Public Library.

VI. Fund Raising for Matching Grant

Chair Giblin noted that the Commission discussed holding an auction in March of 2018. The auction is going to be held at the Abenaki Country Club. She continued that the Commission is holding a boat cruise on the Thomas Leighton on Monday, October 2nd. There are 275 seats available for ticket sales. The tickets will be sold for \$25.00. All funds raised by the sale of tickets will go directly towards the matching grant fundraiser. Tickets will be promoted in the Newsletter, through local businesses and by word-of-mouth. The third fundraiser is the sale of umbrellas, totes and hats.

Member Bradshaw submitted a copy of the logo that will be used on the merchandise. She noted that \$7,500 is the investment for this fundraiser; 250 umbrellas, 250 hats and 250 tote bags. There may be a possible donation for the merchandise. The goal is to raise \$50,000 through these fundraisers. It is expected to raise \$10,000 from the sale of merchandise and \$6,000 for the boat trip. The merchandise will be available for purchase on the boat trip, at the Commission meetings and at the joint meeting on the 7th.

Member White agreed to look into the possibility of accepting credit cards for purchases.

Selectman Musselman noted that the warrant article asking the town for funds to paint the building has to be set by January 10th. The amount needed will need to be known by then and is based on funds raised up to that point. A total of \$60,000 is needed for the matching grant. The Commission will need to know the amount still needed for the \$60,000 in January for the warrant article.

Motion by Mae Bradshaw to approve the three fundraisers, sale of merchandise, boat cruise and auction, with the understanding that a sponsor will be sought for the umbrellas, hats and tote bags. Seconded by Rich Davis. All in favor.

Member White noted that funds may be received from the mailer that will be going out in September.

VII. Other Project Updates

- Member Bradshaw will draft a notice for the Joint Meeting.
Chair Giblin will be bringing the refreshments for the meeting.

VIII. Old Business

- Selectman Musselman stated that the School Use Feasibility Committee has had two meetings. It is a group of representatives that include people from the town, school board, parents and administrators. The Committee is looking at long term enrollment projections and use of both schools, specifically the use of part of the junior high school for town office facilities, among other possibilities. There is a report due from the Committee in November with public input being heard in October. The Committee is done with the presentation of their report by December.
- Member Bradshaw stated that the Trolley Barn is listed in the CIP to be torn down in 2019. She thought there was a study done as to what would happen if they tore it down and built a small office building. She thought the price was about \$450,000. She asked if it would be possible for the Selectmen to relook at this situation at this time. It may be possible for the building and planning

department to move to a new building on that site. It seems like the Town should be using property they already have.

Selectman Musselman pointed out that the \$450,000 was for the renovation of the existing structure. There is probably more mold in there by a lot than there was three or four years ago. He does not believe there has ever been a study to look at new construction on that site.

There was some discussion on the possibility of using that site.

IX. Next Meeting:

- **September 7, 2017, Special Joint Meeting**

Adjournment

Motion by Peter White to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger