

# **TOWN OF RYE – HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**Thursday, August 31, 2017  
6:30 p.m. – Rye Public Library**

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

## **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Giblin called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. Introduction of Members**

Chair Giblin let the introduction of members.

## **III. Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2017**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to approve the minutes of August 3, 2017 as presented.  
Seconded by Peter White. All in favor.**

## **IV. Reports:**

### **• Tour of Building with L-Chip Committee – Bev Giblin**

Chair Giblin noted that members of the L-Chip Committee met at the Town Hall for a tour of the building, which was led by Town Administrator Michael Magnant. Approximately, eight or nine members attended the tour and she also attended representing the Heritage Commission. The tour lasted about an hour and many questions were asked by the committee, including the question of why the richest town in New Hampshire need help with maintenance on a building that should be part of what the town should be doing. The Town Administrator addressed this question very well by giving a history of the project and noting that the thoughts of the town have been that the project to renovate the building would happen. She continued that the tour went very well. She thinks the members had a favorable tour and opinions about the building. There were quite a few questions in regards to the fundraising efforts. The application will be reviewed and evaluated by the L-Chip Committee. The proposal will then be sent to the Board of Directors who will make the final decision. Chair Giblin commented that she felt very positive about the outcome of the tour.

- **New Members and Vote**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to approve Alex Herlihy's request for a full board membership, leaving the alternate position and becoming a full board member. Seconded by Rich Davis. All in favor.**

Chair Giblin noted that she will be recommending Alex Herlihy to the Demolition Committee. Letters from Alex Herlihy and Bev Giblin will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

Member Tegeder volunteered to sit on the Demolition Committee. Chair Giblin appointed Member Tegeder as an alternate to the committee.

Chair Giblin stated that Elizabeth Sanborn has expressed interest in being on the Heritage Commission as an alternate. Mrs. Sanborn is newly retired with a background in technology and marketing.

The alternate position has been posted for a while in the town. Letters will need to be sent to the Board of Selectmen from Chair Giblin and Mrs. Sanborn.

**Motion by Peter White to appoint Elizabeth Sanborn as an alternate to the Commission subject to her letter and approval by the Selectmen. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw. All in favor.**

- **NH Division of Historical Resources & Sept 7<sup>th</sup> joint meeting – Mae Bradshaw**

Member Bradshaw stated that she has tried to get word out about this meeting to as many people and boards as possible. She has sent a copy of all the materials to the Selectmen.

Selectmen's Rep Musselman noted that he spoke with the other Selectmen about the meeting. He asked if they would like to post this as a Selectmen's Meeting so the whole board could attend. It was agreed by the Selectmen that he would attend the meeting and report back to the Board. He pointed out that if a second Selectmen goes to the meeting it has to be posted as a Board of Selectmen's Meeting with minutes being required.

Member Bradshaw pointed out that some members of the Historic District Commission are very excited about the joint meeting. They are also excited about the idea of expanding the Historic District to include some of the wonderful homes that should be preserved. She noted that the Historic District Commission is meeting before the joint meeting to take care of some business items. One item that they are addressing is the repair of the exterior back stairs on the Town Hall building.

- **Fund Raising for Matching Grant**

**Cruise:**

Chair Giblin stated that the cruise has been booked for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The library staff will be helping to make posters which will be posted after Labor Day. At this time, people who wish to purchase tickets will be contacting her by phone and she will arrange to collect the money.

Selectmen's Rep Musselman suggested that the Town Administrator be contacted to see if tickets could be picked up at the Tax Clerk's Office at the Town Hall.

Chair Giblin noted that the tickets will be available for \$25 per ticket. Cash and checks will be accepted. There will be 250 tickets available for the cruise.

Member Tegeder stated that if they are going to keep doing fundraisers in the future the Commission should have access to a credit card machine for payments.

Member Bradshaw pointed out that people give and donate by using their credit cards all the time.

Member Tegeder explained that any social network or website page will have a Paypal link. If they don't see that and it is a phone call, they are less likely to give.

Chair Giblin noted that the reason she put the 501 C3 on the agenda was to address how the commission could accept payment by credit card.

Member Bradshaw stated that the Commission has an employee identification number (EIN). That is all the Commission needs to open a bank account to be able to accept credit cards.

There was discussion in regards to Member White opening a bank account at TD Bank to use for fundraising. He will also speak with the town's Finance Director to see how having a separate fundraising account will work with the Heritage account held by the town.

Member Bradshaw noted that the Heritage Commission can be in charge of their own funds and it does not have to be maintained by the Treasurer or the town. However, the Heritage has always run its funds through the town.

**Merchandise:**

Chair Giblin stated that she has gotten a pledge of \$1,500 from an individual to be used for the painting project. She also has another contribution in the works that may be enough to support the hats and the umbrellas.

Member Bradshaw stated that she has made a couple of calls to real estate brokers about the possibility of sponsoring the merchandise but has not heard back. Right now, the Commission does not have the funding for the merchandise. It would be nice to have the hats for the cruise and the joint meeting. She suggested that they consider taking the money from their account,

order the merchandise and continue to seek support from sponsors. If they do get a sponsor they could put labels on but at least the merchandise will be ready. The merchandise can be ready 6 to 10 days after placing the order.

**Cost of Merchandise:**

- Caps - \$2142
- Totes - \$1359
- Umbrellas - \$2058

An order of 250 for each item will be placed to be sold at a cost of \$25.00 for each.

**Motion by Peter White to approve the disbursement to fund the underwriting of these products. Seconded by Craig Musselman. All in favor.**

Member Tegeder agreed to put a store on the Heritage Commission's website in order to sell the merchandise.

**Annual Mailer:**

Member White stated that he would like to start the annual mailer in the next couple of weeks. The mailer would be based on the text that was prepared for the recent Town of Rye Newsletter.

The Commission agreed to move forward on the annual mailer.

- **501 C3 Possibilities and Tax Implications**  
(Addressed above)

**V. Other Business**

- **Barn at 495 Brackett Road**

Member Bradshaw noted that the property owners at 495 Brackett Road want to tear down the historic barn. The Demolition Review Committee will be meeting to address this in the next few days. If the Demolition Review Committee considers the barn a building of historic significance they will call a public hearing to discuss whether the barn should be torn down at all. In this case, there may be a lot of interest in the barn not being torn down, both State wide and locally. The Demolition Review Committee has 45 days to cause a delay in it being torn down; however, it can't be prohibited. She noted that the owners have to be notified within 5 days if the committee has any interest and would like to hold a public hearing.

The members agreed that there is interest in the barn. The members of the Demolition Review Committee will schedule a public hearing and schedule a site walk. The Building Department will be notified.

- **Friends of Centennial Hall**

Member Bradshaw noted that Friends of Centennial Hall are having a benefit on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. The event is to celebrate the restoration of the Centennial Hall in North Hampton. She encouraged members of the Heritage Commission to attend and show their support.

**VI. Old Business**

- There was discussion on the process for the L-Chip Grant.
- **Next Meeting: September 7, 2017 –Joint Meeting w/Historic District Commission**
- **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Fall Heritage Cruise**
- **October 5, 2017 – Regular October Meeting**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Rich Davis to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by James Tegeder. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger