

# **TOWN OF RYE – HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018  
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Members Present:* Chair Bev Giblin, Rich Davis, Peter White, Mae Bradshaw, Selectmen's Representative Craig Musselman, Alternates Elizabeth Sanborn, Anne Arnold and Gail Hughes.**

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

Chair Giblin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Giblin seated Anne Arnold for Alex Herlihy and Gail Hughes for James Tegeder.

## **II. Reports**

### **• Treasurer – Peter White**

Member White gave a review of the Heritage Commission Budget ending February 28<sup>th</sup>. The cash on hand is \$14,104.50, which is an increase of about \$2,000 from the end of the year. The commission still has a good amount of merchandise on hand from the Town Hall fundraising. He wonders if they can sell merchandise at the town election on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The commission agreed that they like to set up a table to sell merchandise to people who are leaving the election. The table will only have merchandise for sale and will not have election paraphernalia. Chair Giblin will speak with the moderator to get permission to do this.

Member White noted that they purchased \$5,000 worth of product and have sold about 14%. The commission has raised approximately \$1,500 from merchandise sales. He continued that the commission has not spent any of the budget in the first two months of the year. The commission has a budget of \$4,100 available. The cost of the printing of the flyer that will be going out to the town in the next few days is \$935.

**Motion by Peter White to appropriate \$935 out of the Restricted Town Hall Fund within the Rye Heritage Fund for the underwriting of the mailer. Seconded by Elizabeth Sanborn. All in favor.**

Note: Peter White was excused from the meeting. Chair Giblin seated Elizabeth Sanborn for Peter White.

### **III. Approval of Minutes – February 2018**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018 as presented.  
Seconded by Elizabeth Sanborn. Vote: 6-0-1 Abstained: Craig Musselman.**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018 as presented.  
Seconded by Elizabeth Sanborn. Vote: 6-0-1 Abstained: Craig Musselman.**

### **IV. Upcoming Public Session March 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – Bev Giblin/Mae Bradshaw**

The commission discussed the upcoming public sessions they are holding with regards to the TD Bank purchase. The public sessions are scheduled at the Rye Public Library on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., and March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. Several people will be speaking on the details of the purchase including Mae Bradshaw (historic information), Town Clerk Donna DeCotis (space needs of town offices), Peter Crawford (budget) and David Choate (grants).

Member Bradshaw reviewed the information that will be available to handout to people who attend the public sessions. Referring to the Loftus proposal, she noted that the amortization schedule for the bonding shows that the interest payments would be \$922,844 for a twenty year bond. That would have to be added on to the 3.1 million that is being proposed for the tear down and rebuild of the Town Hall.

**David Choate, resident and board member NH Preservation Alliance**, stated that he sent the proposed budget for the Loftus proposal to a couple of construction companies and asked if they could give an idea of what might be missing from the proposal. The information that comes back would be good information to have for the public sessions.

There was some discussion on putting out signs for support of the TD Bank article.

Speaking to Selectman Musselman, Alternate Hughes asked him about the latest events regarding the bank, deed and covenants.

Selectman Musselman stated that all of the documents that were received at the recent Board of Selectmen's meeting have been reviewed by legal counsel. The legal opinion is that the documents have no legal bearing on the future use of the TD Bank building. The use of the building for town offices is not precluded by the body of information that is available.

There was discussion on ways to promote the public sessions. There was also discussion on the information given by John Loftus in regards to the current condition of the existing town hall building.

## **V. Signs, Mailers and Other Promotions**

Mailers are scheduled to go out within the next few days. The commission agreed to put out as many signs as possible for support of the TD Bank purchase. The members will also send out emails to their friends encouraging them to support the article.

## **VI. Election Coverage** *(See minutes above)*

## **VII. Other Project Updates**

- None

## **VIII. Old Business**

- None
- Next Monthly Meeting – Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Craig Musselman. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger