

**RYE HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 14, 2022
4:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Present:* Acting Chair Gail Hughes, Treasurer Peter White, Alex Herlihy, Frank Lagana, Selectmen’s Rep Bill Epperson, and Alternates Elizabeth Sanborn and David Choate**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

II. GAZEBO

The Commission met to discuss the goals and timeline for the repair/restoration of the gazebo. The work is proposed to be done by Triple Construction, which is the company working on the Town Hall Annex.

It was agreed that the first step is to gain the support of the Select Board for the project. Member Herlihy agreed to meet with the Select Board at their next meeting to discuss the proposal. It was also agreed that a meeting should be held soon with a representative from Triple Construction in order to discuss the scope of work. The Commission will also need to decide on a location for the gazebo and determine the extent of site work that needs to be done.

There was some discussion about a possible Driftwood Garden Club Landscaping Grant in the amount of \$500 with an application due by November 1st. Outside of the grant, the Garden Club may consider this project; however, they will need details about the location, visibility, and the kind of plantings/landscaping being proposed. If the Garden Club will be maintaining the landscaping, they will need specifics from the Heritage Commission in order to include the gazebo in their schedule.

The Commission also discussed a possible location for the gazebo. A landscape architect who reviewed the gazebo project suggested that a visible and realistic location would be at the front of the Town Hall with an opening in the stone wall for access with a walkway from the parking lot. The other option would be a walkway coming down from the parking lot adjacent to the church, which is felt to be the easiest grade for people to walk.

It was agreed that the gazebo repair/restoration should be completed as soon as possible before winter. The gazebo will then be covered to protect it from the elements for the winter season. The site work, landscaping and access can be addressed in the spring once the gazebo is set up on site. It was also noted that the project will need to be presented to the Historic District Commission.

Timeline:

- **September 19th** – Member Herlihy to meet with the Select Board to present the proposal.
- **September 20th** – Meet with Triple Construction to discuss scope of work for the gazebo. (To be scheduled)
- **Site work** – Commission needs to decide on the location and work that needs to be done for the site.
- Member Choate agreed to work on the engineering part of the project. He will try to find someone to come up with a plan that may be implemented by someone in town, such as public works.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Next meeting to be held on October 6th, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alex Herlihy to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Seconded by Peter White. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger