

Chapter 8
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL
Adopted Special Town Meeting
July 20, 1999
Amended, Annual Town Meeting March 12, 2001

- A. TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Heritage Council Ordinance of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine” and will be referred to, hereafter, as “this Ordinance”.
- B. AUTHORITY: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the enabling provisions of Article VIII, part 2, section 1, of the Maine Constitution and the provisions of Title 30-A MRSA §3001 (Home Rule).
- C. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to further awareness of Skowhegan’s rich and diverse past; to integrate that heritage into the future development of the community by establishing a Council to provide recommendations on heritage issues to the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen; and to promote stewardship of the community’s heritage by cultural, educational, and social organizations.
- D. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL: The Council Shall:
1. Maintain and update the Heritage Profile for the Town of Skowhegan.
 2. Seek to coordinate the activities of heritage related organizations in Skowhegan and to cooperate with other like minded regional entities.
 3. Conduct research into the history and heritage of the Town.
 4. Advise municipal departments and regional, State and Federal agencies on heritage issues.
 5. Undertake projects to develop and support heritage preservation and enhancement.
 6. Keep records of its meetings and activities and make an annual report to the Town.
- E. COMPOSTION OF THE COUNCIL:
1. The Council shall consist of no less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

2. The term of each member shall be five (5) years except that initial appointments shall be staggered to prevent the expiration of the term of more than three (3) members in any one-year.
3. The Board of Selectmen may remove members of the Heritage Council by unanimous vote, for cause, after notice and hearing.

F. ORGANIZATION AND RULES

The Council shall elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. The term of all officers shall be one (1) year with the eligibility for reelection.

The Chairperson shall call meetings, as required, to further the purposes of this Ordinance.

The Council shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and a record shall be kept of its resolutions, transactions, and correspondence. All records shall be deemed public and may be inspected at reasonable times.

The Council may, from time to time, appoint subcommittees to help further the purposes of this Ordinance.

G. SEVERABILITY: Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

H. AMENDMENTS: This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of the Municipal Legislative Body.

I. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Municipal Legislative Body.