

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: January 23, 2018 at 6 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Chair Jane Sawyer. The following members of the Committee were present:

Chair	Jane Sawyer
Vice Chair	Kendall Hughes
Treasurer	Bob Baker

Secretary Jeanette Stewart was absent with notice. Jane Sawyer will take the minutes in her absence.

Upon motion of Bob Baker and seconded by Kendall Hughes, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held December 26, 2017 be approved.

Except for the banner checks, no other correspondence has yet been received.

The treasurer report as submitted by Bob Baker was accepted for audit. The additional \$4,000 was paid to Hell's Gate before year's end and 25 more calendars were ordered and have been received. It was decided to order 10 more books.

Jane attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting on January 16 as to the utility pole banner issues and the budget which reflects the need for the \$15,000 on the warrant article which we are requesting. She will be mailing letter requested by the BOS to send to all of the owners of existing banners and brackets for their permission to remove & store so the 150 banners can be displayed temporarily this year. It was noted that as suggested by Craig Moore, if we order the brackets online they will cost less. It was the consensus to position the 150 banners, where possible, on the "sidewalk" side of the road.

Our meeting schedule through April has been posted on line under the 150th Committee section of the Ashland website, at the post office and at the town office.

We will set up a meeting on Saturday, February 10 or 17 to review the proposed railroad tickets. We reviewed our budget and agreed to make copies of the summary for the voters' information at the Deliberative Session and to do a press release to be published the week before voting in March. Our events will be added to the Ashland Website calendar. Kendall advised that Piscataqua Rangers Jr. Drum & Fife had contacted him and that they take donations for their participation. They can also do the flag raising ceremony after the parade. It was decided to offer

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\$500 for their travel costs, etc.

It was decided to table our discussion on categories for trophies for the parade at this time as well as the rules for the beard contest. Also need to decide on judges, timing of judging, etc. It was decided to utilize the rules from the Sandwich Fair for the skillet toss. Suggested we contact Omer Ahern in his position as a County Commissioner as a possible addition to our parade.

David Paquette is still working on the design and information as to the bell monument, benches, bricks, etc.

All of the history research has been completed for the cemetery walks, will now convert to narratives.

Decided to set up a meeting with the Common Man Inn to review the rooms for the Civil War Ball, food/drink options, etc. Instead of another ticket in addition to the one received for the train ride, we will simply do bracelets as to the buffet and put the names of Civil War soldiers from Ashland on the tables.

We generally discussed the need to confirm parking options at Freudenberg, Dot's and Kirby (PO).

Decided to inquire if we can sell our souvenir items at the Deliberative Session and have information as to our schedule of events, list of items for sale, and a sign-up sheet.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane I Sawyer, Chair