

**ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)**
Minutes of Meeting: February 27, 2018 at Elaine Hughes Real Estate Office, 116
Main Street, Ashland

Meeting called to order at 6:09 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

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

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2018 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. Bob & Kendall sold souvenirs before and after the Deliberative Session.

Jane has sent reminder letters to all of the existing banner sponsors and all the businesses which were contacted previously to try and get more banner sales.

We reviewed the final schedule of events and picked the times for each. We had the following meetings this past month:

1. Bob & Jane met with Juliet Harvey, Station Manager and Andrew Fenn, Assistant Station Manager for Channel PBT3 in Plymouth. They will videotape and give us the DVD to make copies. We gave them the schedule of events. Considering the old Ashland Insurance building for a location for the parade. Jane will check with the owner. They suggested we have an announcer for the parade and loud speakers as well. Jane contacted Tink Taylor and he is interested, unless there is an Ashland resident we would prefer. They will have microphones on the actors in the cemetery walks. They requested priority on parking for the day in park/fireworks as well as a boat for the boat parade. Jane has spoke with Barry Gaw at the marina and he will provide a boat for that purpose. Suggest we have the museums open for taping as well. We can send them materials digitally which they will display for us as to the (a) vote for Article #37 (b) banner info (c) final event schedule with times (d) souvenir items and (d) request for volunteers. They would love to do a one-on-one interview in April as well!

2. Bob, Jeanette, Alisha and Jane met with Kali Foley at the Common Man Inn as to final arrangements as well as meal choices for the Civil War Ball. We selected buffet meal options with a carving station and strawberry shortcake dessert station and included a toast. It was the consensus to charge \$50 for adults; \$25 for 12 & under; and free for 3 & under. We need to do an actual view of the rooms to make decisions as to entrance, buffet location, dancing, etc.
3. Hardtacks has confirmed they are still on track for the Civil War Ball and are planning to do a view in April. They would like to meet Megan Hiltz Francis at the time as well.
4. Bob, Jane and Kendall met with John Dufrat as to the train ride ticket designs. We reviewed the last sample and made a few more changes which Jane will submit. We need to review the back in more detail as well, but overall it is really well done. Jane has contacted James Nigzus, Jr. at the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society and he is researching the type of ticket punch which would have been used. John Dufrat indicated he would be glad to purchase one, probably a replica, for use, once the design has been determined.
5. Bob and Jane met with the Water & Sewer Commissioners as to the events which are being planned, volunteer help need and fundraising including the utility pole banners. They are interested in volunteering, especially as to the Community BBQ and are purchasing a banner.
6. Jane has meetings currently set up with the local Junior Girl Scout Troop, the Friends of the Library and the Women's Club.

We then talked about doing letters to the editor and whatever advertising we can as to the vote on Article #37, including postings on the "I'm From Ashland" site.

Jeanette will advise Jane when she needs information for the summer publications which the Laconia Sun does.

We decided that since we have had no response from the Sanbornton Town Band, that we will accept the Bektash High Roller Mini Monster Patrol's offer to attend the parade for \$550. We then discussed possible parade categories for trophies. Kendall is all set with the Sparky the Dog; Smokey the Bear & Woodsie the Owl outfits, just needs individuals to wear them. Jeanette confirmed that the pony lady will accept \$200 for the day.

Then set up the categories for the beard contest. We will need to select at least 3 judges for this and judges for the skillet toss.

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Jane indicated that in light of the work which all of the events require and the fundraising needed, that perhaps we should consider reducing the possible "Bell Monument, benches and memorial brick area" at the Riverwalk Park to just a bench with the 150th logo and memorial bricks. We will discuss this further at a later date once we have the cost for the bench and bricks. The engraving costs for the bricks is \$35. This will be a low priority.

Jane is working on the narratives for the cemetery walks. Elliot Dupuis has agreed to advertise in the map. Jane will also reach out to Pemi Baker Memorials in this regard. As to the secession reenactment, the 1868 research has been completed and work is proceeding on the play. Tink Taylor has agreed to do the moderator for Holderness part.

Decided to request the 150th pictorial postmark be for the month of July. Jane will submit the application and logo for same.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette I Stewart, Secretary