

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: November 28, 2017 at 6:20 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Meeting called to order at 6:20 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 Jane Sawyer, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held October 24, 2017 be approved.

No correspondence has yet been received.

The treasurer report as submitted by Bob Baker was accepted for audit.

The press release for November was printed in the Record Citizen and Laconia Daily Sun. Mardean Badger added it to our page on the Town of Ashland website and it has been added to the Ashland Elementary School website. Copies of the new order form and final schedule have been delivered to the Ashland Electric Company; Scribner Library; Town Office; and Meredith Village Savings Bank and posted on the "I'm From Ashland" Facebook page and the Town of Ashland and Ashland Elementary School websites.

The 2018 calendar has been completed and the final cost is \$7.50 each. Upon motion of Bob Baker and seconded by Kendall Hughes it was

VOTED: To increase the charge for the 2018 calendar to \$15 each.

It was noted that JD Design and Print was the most cost effective for the proposed utility pole banners which will be 24" x 36". Upon motion of Kendall Hughes and seconded by Bob Baker, it was

VOTED: To charge \$150 per banner including the brackets if needed.

Jane advised she met with Craig Moore of the DPW and David Paquette from Pemi-Baker Memorials at the proposed Riverwalk Park site for the bell monument. A decision as to location, steps needed, who could do what work, etc. was made.

The next phase will be receiving a proposed design from David.

Jane and Bob sold items at the Ashland Elementary School Open House recently. The School has agreed to provide order forms and collect orders & funds which we can then complete and deliver them back to the School for distribution. Jane and Bob will be selling items at a table in the Ashland Community Church hall and Kendall will sell them at the Ashland Gym during Christmas Night in Ashland on December 1.

Jane and Bob met with the Board of Selectmen on November 20 to update them as to status. They approved placing our logo on the front cover of the Town Report for 2018 and including our schedule of events inside. The Just Because contract was been approved as well as our proposed letter to the residents on Pleasant Street. A summary of the 150th Committee's opinion as to "Squamstock" was presented at that time.

It was decided to have a beard contest for men and a skillet toss for the women as part of our 150th Celebration. The rules for both events will be established at a future meeting. Stacey Lucas (or her assistant) has agreed to do face-painting during the day in the ballpark, we discussed perhaps 3 hours, after the parade until 7 pm. Jim Gleich has agreed to perform at the ballpark, but cannot do the parade, so probably request he do 1 hour, perhaps just after the parade. The Town has approved pony rides at the park as long as that individual has her own insurance and subject to the location being acceptable to Ann Barney on behalf of Park & Rec. Initial discussion was offering a total sum for a couple of hours, perhaps after the parade until 6 pm. Will request Jeanette to followup with the individual.

It was agreed to proceed with Septic Services at a cost of \$1,150 for the same number of portapotties as the 4th of July Committee uses plus a double sink. We decided that we won't need any for the cemetery walks since they will be only about an hour and there are a number of local places which have public restrooms. We will inquire about 2 plus a sink for the street dance.

We then discussed what we should request on the upcoming town warrant. It was noted that the police costs for the week will be approximately \$8,000 and we need an estimate from the fire department which could be another \$3,000 or \$4,000. It was confirmed with the Board of Selectmen that these costs are not reimbursable from the Patriotic Account. We will make a final decision at our December meeting.

We have received some negative response about the Civil War Ball being at the

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Common Man Inn in Plymouth when this is an Ashland celebration. The Committee explored options in Town, such as the Legion which would be too small; putting up a tent at the ballpark or railroad station which would be costly to rent, plus we would have to deal with tables, chairs, lighting and, of course, the weather; and the school gym which requires a covering to be down to protect the floor and would not be conducive to dancing and we would still need to rent tables, tablecloths, etc. All of these options required either volunteer food and drink or catering. The best alternative which also allowed us to ride the train from the Ashland Station to the event is the Inn. This is the only event which would allow for adult beverages and being at the Inn but not require the Committee to be responsible for monitoring same. We will continue as planned.

Jane is working on the cemetery map and finalizing the research on each to prepare the narratives for the cemetery walks. She can then confirm with the individuals who have volunteered to determine the number, if any, of additional performers we will need

The names of the owners of property on Pleasant Street have been determined. It was agreed the letter as approved by the Board of Selectmen can be sent.

Reviewed information and initial draft of a proposed ceramic plate similar to the one for the 100th, except we will use maroon and white. Initial selections are the horse trough; Whitten stone; Whipple house; High School; Railroad Station; Toy Museum; Arch and Town Clock with our logo on the bottom. It was decided to wait until next year to decide when to order these depending upon the sales of existing souvenirs.

It was discussed that we should look into a possible contra/square dance; line dancing and Tai Chi presentations at the day in the ballpark. B & B Ice Cream has been contacted by Kendall. We need to find a videographer for the week of the events and then they could be put on discs for sale. It was suggested we contact the individual who does the taping of the BOS for Channel 3. The lack of a loud speaker system at the ballpark is also a concern to be explored further.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Chair