

Ashland 4th of July Committee
March 14th · 2018

Present – Fran Wendleboe, Becca Morrill, Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Ann Barney, Phyllis Reitsma, Kendall Hughes, Harold Lamos,

Meeting was called to order at 7:10, the pledge of allegiance was done and Roll Call was taken.

Minutes –The February minutes were reviewed, David made a motion to approve the minutes, Sue 2nd and it was approved by all.

Treasury Report –We are still waiting to hear back from Wholly Tara, what do we do so that we can assure this is not a problem going forward. David mentioned he spoke with Katie Maher and only about half actually pay up front. Katrina suggested that we could either have them pay up front or offer payment so that half is due May 1st and the other half is due by July 1st. It needs to be made clear in the letter. Katrina will check on how checks could be written, another suggestion was to include a preaddressed envelope. A motion to accept the minutes was made by David and 2nd by Phyllis.

Old Business –

1. Contracts – the previous Larry Walker and Chesley's contracts are very vague. Kendall and Fran both reached out to Chesleys. Katrina asked Fran to trust our committee that we are all doing what we need to do. Fran went upstairs of the town hall there are no financial records, money buckets, banners, buttons, t-shirts, flags. Charlie gave Fran a copy of the contracts that he had. Kendall asked who signed it last year but it was not signed. Fran also brought a copy of the fairs contract which is not entirely all applicable but has some good info and information about protections. All vendors must provide a certificate of liability. Larry Walker says he will send us info in April. Kendall said the field committee will get the contracts in order. John Harville did contracts for the state department and has good contract experience.

2. Bands – Parade – The Baker Valley Band has reached out the cost is \$450, they prefer to get it on the day of. We have not yet gotten ahold of the Sanbornton / Moulton Band. The local high school bands are not interested. Kendall will check to see if the Ashland Middle School Band is a possibility and Anne will check to see if Holderness Central School band is a possibility.

The radio station – mix 94.1 is confirmed for 3-6 at the ball field on July 3rd.

3. Buttons – When we are ready to order Katrina will submit the paperwork. Always mention that we are a non-profit. Sue will talk with Jae from JD Designs about wholesale pricing options. We have budgeted \$500. Sue will take care of this and submit to Katrina for reimbursement.

4. Shirt Design – Sue was going to work on this and we will take up at the next meeting.

5. Parking – Fran will check with both Freudenberg and Post Office, as well as the Liquor Store. We will need volunteers to help with parking. What happened to the signs for parking? Katrina will check with Kathy about the signs.

6. Advertising letter & Banner - Deb will work on finalizing this, a list of potential advertisers was passed around, a few businesses were added to it. Anne suggested another location for banners could be the tennis courts. Banners go up for approximately 2 weeks. Based on the dates for movie in the park and the 150th celebration, the banners will be up from the weekend of June 23rd – July 6th.

7. Brochure - the front page will have the schedule of events for this year. We budgeted \$1000 for design and printing this year, last year there was no brochure, in 2016 they paid \$720, would like them to be in rest areas, the info center at the Tanger outlet, campgrounds the week of events. Contents – schedule, Mary Ruel & Grand Marshall, 150th. Will work to get letters out by the end of the month.

New Business -

1. Field Setup – Kendall explained a new idea for field setup, moving the food booths to the back of the field, which would give more access to the field, handicapped parking on the gazebo side of the ball park, and entertainment off the gazebo. There are several concerns about this and more details need to be worked out and agreed upon. The Radio will be from 3-6, 6-7 Art Harriman, and 7-9 Larry Walker Band, 9 – the military band will play the national anthem Where will the hummer be parked? This will be discussed more at April meeting
2. Awards – David will look up who has gotten the awards in the past. Nominations are needed by 4/15, we will discuss the nominations for the Mary Ruell Award at our April meeting, also please bring suggestions for grand marshals to the next meeting.

Other Business-

1. Kendall read an email from Jane Sawyer asking us to attend the Heritage Committee Meeting to discuss the Squam Stock plans.
2. Fran mentioned Chesleys had expressed concerns about the other vendors on the street. There is not much that can be done without passing a town ordinance.
3. Lights – can the street lights be turned off for a certain period of time while the fireworks are going off? Kendall will look into this

Meeting times have been changed to 6:30.

The next meeting is April 11th at 6:30 Sherrill Hall, Episcopal Church.

Meeting was adjourned.