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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Jane Sawyer. The following members of the Committee were present:

Chair	Jane Sawyer
Vice Chair	Kendall Hughes
Treasurer	Bob Baker

Jeanette Stewart was absent with notice. Shirley White and Anne Barney were also present.

Upon motion of Bob and seconded by Kendall, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2018 be approved.

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

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

Our warrant article passed providing us with \$15,000 additional funds from the Town. As to the banners, it appears there was confusion on the part of the Board of Commissioners for the Electric Department, so Jane will plan to go to their meeting in April regarding installing the utility pole banners. Jane has reached out to Kathleen DeWolfe as to any information she may have regarding the final number of installed banners since the Town and Jae Demers do not have one. We will need this to determine how many new brackets and how much additional time for "new" banners may be needed. We will make personal contact with the remaining 5 existing banner sponsors who have not responded. Jae Demers has advised that it will take about 2 to 3 weeks to complete all of the banners for installing.

Reviewed this year's Town Report which had our logo on the front and the schedule and our report on the inside. They did a nice job including old pictures in the report as well.

Jane has posted information on the banners, souvenirs and final schedule on PBTV3. Jeanette will advise Jane when information is needed for the summer publications done by the Laconia Sun. Kendall will provide our existing schedule to any that he receives inquiries from.

Jane has started working with the US Post Office to develop a post mark. We had

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originally requested it be available for the month of July but have been advised that we should select a date so we will use July 28, the day in the park. A representative from the post office will be there to postmark envelopes. We can order customized stamps and place them on envelopes and charge whatever fee we want for a postmarked, stamped envelope.

We have decided since it appears we will not be aware all of events going on the week of the 150th besides ours, that we will just advertise our events. We need to further pursue how the "Squamstock" event will impact us and advise the Board of Selectmen accordingly. We are working with the 4th of July Committee as to funding and also the procedures for the ballpark on the day of the fireworks. Kendall also indicated that we can have a space on the 3rd of July to sell 150th items.

Jane will inquire as to the cost for the proposed ceramic plate and collect the required photos. We may have to presale a certain number since 144 is the minimum purchase order.

Work is continuing on the research for the secession event and the narrative has been started. The cemetery research has been done and is ready for the narratives to be completed. Revised the latest ticket design and have approved it. Will wait for the final print. Plans are for Megan Francis and the Hardtacks to meet and view the rooms this spring. They are adding a carving station and we will know the number of children because of presold meal tickets so the toast will not be an issue.

Jane will explore someone making a platform for the group at the street dance and then to be used at the day in the park for the Irish and other dances.

No response yet frm Mr. Adamsky regarding using his building for filming and the reviewing stand. We have decided to use Tink Taylor as the announcer for the parade. Will reach out to Fran Wendleboe, Jill White and Omer Ahern to request they be judges. Carl of Club Soda is working on getting us wireless loud speakers for the parade and later at the ballpark which will probably require 2. Decided on the categories for trophies for the parade which Jane will finalize and post on our page at the Ashland Website. Need to prepare a registration form and finalize parade rules and post on the site as well. Will send out invites to the Governor as well as our representatives, senators and council members, etc.

We should reach our to Dan Uhlman and Rick Ash to be sideline marshalls for us for the parade and Lynn Uhlman as our "pooper scooper". Will also need to find out

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who Fran Wendelboe contacts at Freudenberg as to parking permission.

Since we have so few volunteers we will not do a community BBQ, but contact all organizations about having their own concessions. Jane has received a response from a barbershop group that they are available and waiting confirmation of the cost, if any. It was the consensus to hire Bryan Conway to perform on the basketball court from 5 to 7:30 pm for \$200.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane / Sawyer, Secretary Pro Temp