## ASHLAND NH 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE (AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE) Minutes of Meeting: June 12, 2018 at Elaine Hughes Real Estate Office, 116 Main Street, Ashland

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm (being delayed because of the wake for John Cilley, 102, Ashland's Boston Post cane holder) 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

Sherrie Downing was also present.

Upon motion of Bob and seconded by Kendall, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held May 29, 2018 be approved.

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

The treasurer report as submitted by Bob was accepted for audit. Jane organized the utility pole banners by street and the Town Electric Dept. & Highway Dept. have installed them. We have sold 71 banners with 3 more reserved and 10 remaining open.

The additional 25 license plates have been ordered. Jane advised that the calendars are not on sale at this time so we will make very little profit on them. It was decided to watch and see if the cost goes down before ordering them for  $4^{th}$  of July sales since we don't want to change the sales price at this late date.

We have received 52 reservations for the ceramic plate so Jane will go ahead with putting together the pictures and ordering same. Jane has been taking pictures of the various town departments for the commemorative book and ads have been coming in. Printer has advised we will not be able to have by 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but will proceed so we can have it for the week of July 21.

Jane sent letters to 14 area historical societies with copies of our parade registration schedule of events and commemorative book information. Has also posted those items in all of the Town's kiosks.

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Upon motion of Kendall and seconded by Jeanette it was voted to go ahead with the services of PBTV3 for \$700 to file all events and provide us with a DVD afterwards. We should advise any individuals who take video or pictures to forward same electronic to PBTV3 directly if they want to have them included in the DVD.

Jane advised that results of the recent Board of Selectmen meeting is that everything is the same as it has been. They approved the proclamations of July 20 to July 29 as Sesquicentennial Week and July 28 as Sesquicentennial Day. Jane has invited a member or all of the Board to our 150 ceremony on July 28.

It was agreed to charge \$10 for the train ride for all ages, except under 2 will be free. This is for one way or both ways. The Civil War Costume Ball will be \$50 each and \$25 for children 12 and younger with under 2 free. We will have door prizes that only those in costume will be eligible for so that we can encourage costumes. Will save 200 seats for those attending the ball and 40 for those just riding the train. Jane and Bob met with Marek Bennett and Woody Pringle of the Hardtacks at the Common Man Inn and made decisions as to the grand march, dance floor, etc. We will need to set up a dress rehearsal in July which the Inn has agreed to. They are going to ride the train both ways and do singalongs. We will comp their meal for this extra performing.

Kendall is working on speakers for the parade and the ballpark. We have been advised that the Ashland Firefighters Association has some which may be available. John and Susan Harville have agreed to held Jane with the vendor contracts. It was decided to use local independent vendors as much as possible. Still need someone to do lemonade/soda and ice cream. Jane will check with wood-fired pizza. We discussed what to charge "for profit" vendors, but no decision was made. Those on the park do not need a separate vendor permit but those anywhere else will. The Historical Society will paint the bandstand. We can probably use the same individual for the playground monitor as the one for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Fran will be a judge for the parade, but Jill is unavailable as she is going to be on a float in the parade. Brian Chalmers has agreed to be a judge. Kendall with check with Omer Ahern. It not, maybe Katrina Randlett or Peter Francesco. It was decided to request the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Marshal, Ernie Paquette, to be in our parade.

Sherrie Downing has agreed to be a judge for the beard & mustache contest with

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Clint Gray. Jeanette will ask Art Harriman since his father was a barber. Jane will do a press release as to the categories for the contest.

Jane completed and filed the application for the boat parade with the Gilford Division of NH Marine Patrol, with copies to Board of Selectmen, Fire Dept. and Police Dept. for Ashland and Holderness.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 26, at 6 pm at Elaine Hughes Real Estate. Jane has posted a notice of our June meetings, at the Post Office, Town Office and Town Online Calendar.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Stewart, Secretary