

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: July 22, 2014 at 6:07 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Vice Chair Bob Baker. The following members of the Committee were present:

Chair	Kendall Hughes (arrived late)
Vice Chair	Bob Baker
Secretary	Jane Sawyer
Finance	Katie Maher
Corresponding Secretary	Susan MacLeod
Absent with notice:	Caroline Gosse

Sherrie Downing of Highlites, Main Street, Ashland, was also in attendance.

Upon motion of Katie Maher and seconded by Susan MacLeod, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held May 27, 2014, be approved as submitted by Jane Sawyer, Secretary.

No correspondence has yet been received.

On motion of Jane Sawyer seconded by Susan MacLeod, it was unanimously

VOTED: That Katie Maher become the Vice Chair and Bob Baker the Finance Officer.

Bob Baker than advised that the checking account had been opened at Meredith Village Savings with an initial deposit from the Common Man of \$250 and that additional donations had been received of \$500 from Gaylen (Potter) Lange and \$50 from Volker Antoni. Katie Maher submitted various expenses which she would like noted as donations by her rather than be reimbursed for them.

Jane Sawyer, as Secretary, confirmed that she had emailed the extensive "interested parties" list with the information as to donations and tax exemption status. She also provided a suggested thank you letter for all donors which includes information as to tax exemption which was accepted by the Committee.

It was confirmed by Jane Sawyer with the Town Office that Katie Maher was all set, but she needs to inquire further if Alisha Wendleboe has been accepted as a member of the committee.

A picture of the float in the 4th of July parade in Ashland made by Jane Sawyer and Bob Baker was then presented. They also submitted the expenses for same which they would like to absorb as a donation by them. One of the banners on the float is

currently displayed at the railroad station. It was decided to request Jim Gleich at Ashland Parks & Recreation program if the other can be mounted on the baseball backstop from mid August until the event on September 14.

Then discussed the September 14 kickoff get together. The list of organizations was split between the committee members for contact purposes as soon as possible by personal phone calls or visits and with a follow up email. It was felt a mailing would take too long and be expensive.

Katie Maher confirmed she would work on a press release and a followup email for all of the members to use for uniformity. She will provide the release to local papers and TV and post on various electronic calenders, submit for the Ashland Town Infoblast, etc. She will also check with Jae Demers as to posters for distribution.

Main focus of the event is to see what events different organizations are interested in doing as well as fundraisers. We should have some type of freebies, such as pens, magnets, buttons, etc. Jane Sawyer will look into available inexpensive items in this regard. Perhaps do a 50/50 drawing. She will also investigate options for any children who attend, such as coloring pages of Ashland interest, etc. Should also have handouts with information as to proposed events, fundraisers, events from previous celebrations, etc. Susan MacLeod will check into possible use of the "Peters" tent.

People will also be encouraged to bring their Ashland memorabilia and pictures. Kendall Hughes volunteered to bring a scanner for purposes of copying as many items as possible so they could be immediately returned to the owner. We need to check with the Historical Society to see what type of form or document is needed if items are donated at this time. Also inquire as to what easels and other display items are available for our use.

Jane Sawyer will check with Alisha Wendleboe as to possible donation by the Common Man of a "sandwich platter" as well as if a tent, tables, chairs, setups, etc. would be included. We will discuss what additional set up materials will be needed at our August meeting.

Kendall informed the Committee that the video project is not moving as fast as he had hoped. He has found a booklet containing suggested questions to provide for continuous conversation and hopes to reduce it to a couple of common "Ashland" questions for each individual. Will update us at the next meeting.

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It was agreed to move the August 26, 6 pm meeting to the Ashland Railroad Station for viewing in conjunction with the September 14 event.

On motion of Katie Maher and seconded by Bob Baker it was voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Secretary