

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: August 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm, Ashland Railroad Station

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

Chair	Jane Sawyer
Vice Chair	
Secretary	
Finance	Bob Baker
Other	Caroline Gosse

Jeanette Stewart and Volker Antoni were also in attendance.

Upon motion of Caroline Gosse and seconded by Bob Baker, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held July 26, 2016 as prepared by Jane Sawyer, Secretary pro temp be approved.

No correspondence has yet been received.

The treasurer report as submitted by Bob Baker remains unchanged at \$423.99

There was consensus that Jeanette Stewart be requested to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the Committee.

Jane Sawyer confirmed that she has forwarded the basic "Covered Bridge" design to Stacey Lucas to be converted to a more refined design to be used for our logo. It is hoped that the final design will be available to be released in an October or November press release.

It was suggested Jane contact New Hampshire Pewter in Wolfeboro to determine if their previous design can be used or adapted.

The fundraising letter which had been finalized by Shirley White and Jane Sawyer was presented. It was decided that rather than do a general local mailing and expending costs for letterhead and envelopes that we first post it to the "I'm From Ashland and I Remember When" and email to all the individuals of our "Friends of the 150th Committee" list. We will then revisit a general mailing in the Spring.

General discussion was had that we need to think about some type of long-term monument that will remain after the Sesquicentennial in 2018. Suggestions

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involved formation of an alumni association; assisting the Town with a welcome sign in the area of West Street; building of a structure for the LW Packard bell; and a time capsule. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

We are also focusing on development of a rough budget for the events which we are planning. The first main event will be the Civil War Ball and it was decided to explore the possibility of having it at the Common Man Inn and a possible train to take individuals from the Ashland Station to the Inn and back, if they wish. This would also provide a place for individuals to stay overnight if they want. The next will be a street dance with the main cost being the group we select. We will complete our mailing to possible parade participants and groups at the ballpark after the parade to obtain as many estimated costs as possible. We will also need to estimate fireworks as well as costs of portapotties, etc.

It was decided to do a petitioned warrant article for 2017 and 2018 budgets for funds. We will also inquire as to any grant monies which we can apply for at Meredith Village Savings Bank.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Secretary Pro Temp