

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: September 23, 2014 at 6:05 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice Chair Katie Maher. The following members of the Committee were present:

Vice Chair	Katie Maher
Secretary	Jane Sawyer
Finance	Bob Baker
Corresponding Secretary	Susan MacLeod
Member	Caroline Gosse
Absent with notice:	Kendall Hughes
Also present:	Carol Currier & David Learned

Discussion was held with Carol Currier about possible issues with using her fields so that it was decided to find another location. She was thanked for bringing the matter directly to our attention so early in the process. We will advise the Water & Sewer Department accordingly. We will explore other options for fields with adequate parking.

Upon motion of Caroline and seconded by Susan, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2014, be approved as submitted by the Secretary,

Susan reported that no correspondence has yet been received.

Bob advised that there is currently \$855.02 in the checking account, having received \$31 from Volker Antoni and \$100 from Normand & Kathleen DeWolfe as donations. The checks and deposit stamp have been received. He also confirmed that thank you letters had been sent to these donors.

Reviewed the results of the September 14 Kick Off Event at the Ashland Railroad. Attendance was low, ideas & feedback few to none, but set up was great, food amazing and overflowing and attendance by 2 descendants of Reuben Whitten was thrilling, especially the stories and items they were willing to share! Town representation was very good including all members of the Board of Select and Paul Branscombe. Thanks extended to Susan and Katie for their set up and displays, especially as to the Whitten Project; Alisha Wendleboe for delivering, setting up and serving the Common Man sandwiches, pickles & chips and kids games; Sherrie Downing for her help in setting up; David Ruell for helping with setup and handling the Historical Society table/area; Kendall for helping and providing the scanner; and Jane & Bob for helping with set up, handling the drink table/setup and providing the black tablecloths, decanters/setups for lemonade, coffee and cider, printouts, signup sheets, hydrangeas/vases, etc. Special thanks to the Ashland Town Library for providing and setting up their tent for use. It was noted that we were advised to add the Rebekahs to our organization list. It was also noted that it is believed the Ashland Fire Dept. may have a collection of pictures from the 100th and/or 125th. Also suggested that in addition to an historical book that same be provided on DVD.

Katie and Susan reported they set up a display in the Memorial Park for the 150th during the recent Town Wide Yard Sale on September 20.

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Katie indicated that Pat and Joe Mazzone had contacted her about possibly organizing a "sculpture walk" in Ashland similar to the existing one in Meredith, New Hampshire, perhaps focusing on a "mill" theme. Caroline Gosse mentioned the quilt project which was done for the 100th. After some discussion it was decided she would contact Pat Tucker to pursue further.

Jane has not yet contacted the Board of Select as to the commemorative license plate request. No report as to the video project or military marching bands. We will need to make a determination as to celebration dates over the next year, whether to celebrate in conjunction with July 4 which is a Wednesday in 2018 or Saturday, July 21 or 28.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, at 6 pm at the Ashland Fire Station when we will focus on our agenda for 2015, including meeting schedule.

On motion of Bob Baker and seconded by Jane Sawyer it was voted to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Secretary