

## ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of First Meeting: October 30, 2013 at 6 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Attendees: Bob Baker, Kendall Hughes, Katie Maher, Sue MacLeod and Jane Sawyer. (Caroline Gosse also expressed an interest in the committee, but is now in Florida for the winter months.)

Katie Maher provided copies of the proposal which was made by her and Sue MacLeod to the Board of Select for the Town of Ashland and advised that a Sesquicentennial Committee was formed by vote of the Board of Select on October 7, 2013. URL's and Facebook pages for AshlandNH150.org & AshlandNHOralHistory.org. The Committee's structure and the roles and responsibilities of various positions on the Committee were discussed.

The following volunteered for the position indicated:

Chair	Kendall Hughes
Vice Chair	Bob Baker
Secretary	Jane Sawyer
Finance	Katie Maher
Corresponding Secretary	Sue MacLeod

Katie will advise the Board of Select and once confirmed by them, we will each sign volunteer paperwork and be sworn in.

It was then decided to hold our meetings on the last Tuesday of every other month, beginning in 2014. The secretary will reserve a PO Box for the Committee. It was decided that although not required, that we would publish our minutes and proposed meeting agenda in at least one, maybe two, locations. It was also decided that discussions and votes could be done by electronic mail for ease and expediency.

A list of various not-for-profit, church, charity and club organizations in and around Ashland was reviewed and the members selected various ones which they would contact to encourage a representative to attend future meetings. There was general discussion as to possible events and timing. Katie confirmed that the Ashland Historical Society has set up a committee which is working on an updated history book of Ashland for the 150<sup>th</sup>. She also advised that a number of individuals, including Sid Lovett and Sue Smith from Cottage Place are interested in working on a "peace accord" between Ashland and Holderness. Other possible events include civil war ball, cemetery tours with individuals portraying different notables in Town, etc. . Katie handed out metal containers and business cards setting forth the various anniversaries which are coming up over the next couple of years leading to 2018 for placement by member in different locations in town. It was felt that inclusion of these events in conjunction with the 2018 celebration would be important.

There was discussion as to initial financial funding and if we should consider a warrant article for next year's budget. Katie will initially make an appeal to local banks for starting funds.

One main item for our next meeting will be deciding on a mission statement. Our future plans will be to report on response from the various organizations, plans activities and events, status of financial support and continue promoting the Sesquicentennial!

There being nothing further to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Secretary