

## Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Minutes

March 25, 2020 Via Phone Conference

Present –Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, David Ruell, Fran Wendelboe, Katrina Randlett,

6:30meeting called to order, attendance taken by roll call,

Minutes–Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed; David had some changes to make to the questions he had asked on the Feb. minutes. 1. Are they suggesting that Primex says **the town** should not do the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration anymore? 2. Is Primex recommending that all towns privatize their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration committees? 3. ~~What are the specific reasons given by Primex for us to privatize~~ **If the communication came from Primex can we get a copy of it.** David made a motion to accept as amended, Kendall 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor.

Treasury Report –copies of our rolling budget and a copy of our budget had been emailed before the meeting. The town has taken out the funds for the engraving cost, the fireworks, and to reimburse for the Grand Marshall plaque. Our current balance is \$18,046.99. Kendall made a motion to accept the treasury report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David, all in favor.

Possibility of postponement – given our current state with the corona virus it may be necessary to make some changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. If large gatherings are still not advised we could still have fireworks and just not have much of the rest of the celebration, or we could do a Labor Day celebration. Deb had dated the advertising letters for 3/18 so they were not sent out as businesses were closing up. As it gets closer and we know what is going to happen we can personally reach out and call businesses to see if they would still like to advertise with us. Our brochure could be sent out more towards the middle of June rather than by Memorial Day. David suggested when we are ready to do the brochure, we could either put in a section saying to check the website for any changes, or leave a spot we could put a sticker on it to replace any information that may need to be changed. Food trucks – Deb will work to see who will sign a contract now, and who wants to wait until we are closer to the event happening. If the event is canceled by us, they would get their money back.

Old Business –

Vendors – we have a new food truck that wants to join us, Just Like Meme’s has said they are interested in coming.

Vertical Entertainment – At the selectmen’s meeting Kathleen said there was a problem with our contract, Kendall spoke with the town attorney and Primex and neither have a problem. Kendall, Rick from Vertical Entertainment, Charlie, and the selectmen will meet when able and vote on this. The concern

on this is liability insurance. Vertical Entertainment carries the required insurance by the town.

Advertising and Brochures – as we discussed earlier, we will make phone calls, and work on this when we know exactly what is going to happen.

Parade – right now there is no new news. We need to make sure the permit is applied for in June.

New Business – none

Other Business – Fran commented that if they virus is over by 7/4 this may be one of the biggest turnouts we have had.