Ashland 4th of July Committee Minutes
March 25, 2020 Via Phone Conference
Present – Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, David Ruell, Fran Wendelboe, Katrina Randlett,
6:30 meeting 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 4th of July
celebration anymore? 2. Is Primex recommending that all towns privatize their
4th 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 2nd all
in favor.
Treasury Report – copies or 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, 2nd 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 4th 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.