

**Ashland 4th of July Committee Minutes  
June 24, 2020 Phone Conference Call**

Present –Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, David Ruell, Ann Barney, Katrina Randlett, Fran Wendelboe, Tania Hiltz

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

Minutes – Minutes from the last meeting were not sent in advance, therefore a motion for the minutes was tabled to 7/22.

Treasury report – We earned \$5.37 in interest. Our balance is \$17,665.30. The town still has not debited the \$404.33 for wristbands, and buttons.

Old Business -Waiting on lur EIN number to move forward with 501c3, we will discuss this in July. Laconia is doing fireworks in a similar fashion as we proposed – in the field no gathering.

Church BBQ – this will still happen we can join if we choose to, and they will do a donation bucket if we want. \* edited to add – this has been canceled since our meeting

Legion – the legion has proposed they will march from the bandstand to the flagpole for a flag raising at 10:00 on 7/4

Press Release – the draft of the press release was included in the documents sent for the meeting, Sue Harville wrote about both Ron Shaw and Mark Liebert. David will take care of distributing it. Discussion was to change the playground section since it was now complete.

Flags – earlier in the year we discussed putting up flags by the cemetery. This was brought up again and decided we didn't really have the time to get them ordered and delivered in time as well as getting appropriate permissions.

Promoting Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Kendall will post some safety tips to our Facebook page leading up to 4<sup>th</sup> of July - David will put a message in the column from us wishing everyone a joyous 4<sup>th</sup> of July with family and friends, wishing everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Old home Day in Ashland – a Facebook invite surfaced this week that talked about a celebration at the field on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. No one knows who owns this page, or who controls it, permits were not issued. Katrina wrote on the page stating this was not happening. It was last updated in December 2019 – but because it was made as an event is showing up now.

Next meeting is 7/22

Meeting adjourned 7:07

Fireworks – Not much has changed in the way of items opening, the selectman also canceled the fireworks at their may 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Without the ability to get a permit we will have to cancel. Katrina mentioned an Atlas article and her concerns about them being around next year, Kendall had spoken with Atlas and they said it was taken out of context, they will be around next year for sure.

Parade – the legion still plans to march and do a flag raising on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The traditional parade will be postponed. The reverse parade was discussed and we decided to skip the reverse parade and make the focus on encouraging patriotic flavor and responsible backyard celebrations.

Buttons - Deb will give 200 to the school so they can be passed out at the end of the school year, we will bring some to the residents of Common Man Commons, and Highland St. Apartments. We will announce that the rest can be coordinated for pick up through the newspaper column and also on our Facebook page.

Grand Marshall & Mary Ruell Award Winner – Sue Harville has already written the news articles; these will be submitted to the newspapers as press releases. And will be posted on our Facebook page as it gets closer to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cancellation letter – Deb wrote an letter about our cancellation and read it, it was proofread and some changes were made. Kendall will make sure that Charlie is ok with this announcement and it will be posted on both the Facebook page and in the David's column.

Next meeting – discussion about going out on our own.

7:06 David made a motion to adjourn, Ann 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.