

Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee  
February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

Present - Becca Morrill, Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Ann Barney, Fran Wendelboe (late) Phylis Reitsma (late) Kendall Hughes (late),

Meeting was called to order by Becca at 7:10, the pledge of allegiance was done and Roll Call was taken. Minutes –The January minutes were reviewed, Katrina made a motion to approve the minutes, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was approved by six with 1 abstain.

Treasury Report –Katrina talked with Linda from the town hall, our account is now under the town. She passed out a rolling budget. The current balance is \$13,806.60. Wholly Tara is still an outstanding check from last year. Katrina will reach out to her. MVSb paid their final outstanding payment on 12/27. We currently just have the one outstanding payment. Cannisters – the balance from this is unclear. It seems to be an unknown how much was made last year and where that was deposited. Deb will stop in and talk with Terri about this. The current budget was also passed out. A motion was made to accept the treasury report by David, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, all in favor.

Old Business –

1. Button Design - Deb brought some drawings made by some of the students at Ashland Elementary School and they were passed around to pick favorites. Sue Harville also created a design. The top 2 designs were chosen. Sue Harville will investigate making the buttons from various companies, or doing it ourselves.
2. Bands – A. Art Harriman will plan to be there. B. Laconia High School Band – we will report back on them next month. C. Plymouth High School Band – The band teacher said too many people are away it is not feasible for them. D. Belmont High School Band – The band teacher travels during the summer and they are not interested. E – Royal Eagle Band – They are interested but have not fully committed. F – Others – John and Sue contacted the National Guard to have the marching band and color guard as well as a static display for the park of either a Black Hawk or Hum-V. The color guard will be at the parade the band may not be the entire band but instead a compliment of members and there is a good chance at least something will be in the parade.
3. Bands in the Park – all are in favor of having Larry Walker. He stated that he likes to start around 7. Deb will contact him. Sue had been in touch with Northeast Communications Radio Group and for \$450 we can get a 3-hour broadcast with 50 adds promoting the fireworks, parade, and pancake breakfast. The stations from this group are Mix 94.1, WSCY, Planet, and Oldies, as a prelude to the band. There was a discussion about where this could be set up. All in favor of having the radio station. It was decided we would have them from 3-6 and the band would start at 7.
4. Prices for the shirts were passed around. The group voted to use Bear Images to produce the shirts based on the prices given. We will get about 125 shirts. In a variety of adult and kid sizes. Sue had created a design for the shirts it was critiqued a little and she will work on a final version. The shirts will be White and Grey.

5. Parking – a. Squam Lakes Plumbing & Heating – they have recently purchased the Northway Bank lot, Katrina spoke with them and we will not be able to use this as a parking lot this year. He is willing to let us set a vendor up on the lawn or to participate in another way. b – Fruedenberg & the post office – Fran will reach out the them and report back at the next meeting.

#### New Business -

1. Banner – the banner letter from last year was read, we will use a similar format but will make changes. The list of business who have done banners and ads in the past was past around and we added several other local businesses who were not on this original list. Deb will put a list together including addresses so the letter is ready to go in March.

2. A draft of a parade letter was passed around. We would like the parade to not have empty trailers and tow trucks. Sue and Becca both spoke with Buskey's and they are willing to let someone use their trailer, but not a band. Kendall spoke with BH Construction and he has 3 flatbeds that he will let be decorated and provide a driver for.

#### Other Business –

1. Idea – Sue had several ideas for entertainment throughout the day that she presented. A pie eating contest, a horseshoe or cornhole tournament, a skillet toss, mustache contest, a broom hockey game, and an oldest and youngest contest. Ann and Kendall talked about some of the games that used to be there such as a dunk tank, pop the balloons.

2. Chesleys Contract – this needs to be looked in to, is there one for this year in place already? Is it true that they are the only food vendor allowed on the field or can other food be there? Kendall will look into this.

3. Theme – The suggestion to give the parade this year the theme of Celebrating Ashland was agreed upon by all

4. Septic Solutions – the invoice was received, it is scheduled to be delivered on 7/3 and picked up on 7/5 this needs to be changed to 7/6 in case the fireworks are postponed for rain.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting will be 3/14