

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: January 28, 2014 at 6 pm, Ashland Fire Station

In addition to the following, Paul Branscombe, Town Administrator, and Alicia Wendleboe from the Common Man, were also present:

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

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Chair Kendall Hughes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Upon motion of Susan MacLeod, seconded by Katie Maher, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the first meeting held October 30, 2013, be approved as submitted by Jane Sawyer, Secretary.

It was noted that since we are a "town committee", minutes and, if possible, future meeting notices and agendas should be forwarded to Mardean Badger for posting on the Town of Ashland website. The Secretary advised that she has obtained PO Box 15 for the Committee and Susan MacLeod, as Corresponding Secretary was given the key.

Finance Officer Katie Maher confirmed that the establishment of a separate account by the Committee at the Town was withdrawn by the Board of Select for the Town. Therefore we currently have no ability to collect funds or secure them exclusively for the Committee's use. Paul Branscombe indicated that he will keep us apprised as to the existing status of the Committee with the Town.

Upon motion of Jane Sawyer and seconded by Bob Baker, it was

VOTED: That the Committee open an account under the Ashland Historical Society with Kendall Hughes, as Chair or Katie Maher, as Finance Officer, as signatory, and that a report be provided to Bob Baker as Treasurer of the Ashland Historical Society at least quarterly.

There was then general discussion as to the following:

1. This is a town committee appointed by the Board of Select for the Town. Once Primax Company has returned the required paperwork, we will be contacted to be sworn in.
2. In finding out what the public wants for the celebration and what various groups/organizations would like to assist with, it was decided that we would meet in March, May and July with a view towards compiling a list of

organizations and their contacts and proposed events with a community BBQ in September to bring everyone and their ideas, etc. together. The Secretary will request permission to host same at that Ashland Railroad Museum.

3. We should begin to gather information on what was done at the 100th celebration including copies of articles, pictures, etc. We should reach out to the Ashland Historical Society for this information, perhaps do a summer presentation with them.
4. The Secretary confirmed that she will monitor the "I'm From Ashland and I Remember When" facebook site and copy various comments and pictures posted therein.
5. We should post notices publicly including in the local paper as to meeting dates, etc.
6. Katie will explore possible grant monies available from Meredith Village Savings Bank and Northway Bank for "seed" funds. We also discussed having different levels of sponsorship, i.e., gold, silver and bronze. Other fundraisers may include:
 - a. coins
 - b. plates
 - c. towels
 - d. books
 - e. placing "date" plaques on historic homes
7. Our first outreach to the public will be signs, etc. on election day which Susan will handle in conjunction with Katie.
8. Secretary advised that she has not yet completed the compilation of email and other contact information.
9. Kendall advised that he is working with the Ashland Schools (Ms. King) as to the video project. The Fire Explorers group will be interviewing retired firemen in March as well as, hopefully, the two elderly housing complexes.
10. Possible events including
 - a. civil war ball (Jane and Bob)
 - b. "live" cemetery tours (Jane and Bob)
 - c. historical property tours
 - d. "peace accord" with Town of Holderness (Katie)
 - e. other possibilities: country fair, pet show, etc.
 - f. parade including military bands

11. One main item for our next meeting will be formulating a mission statement. We will also need to finalize our logo and any slogan which we would like to utilize in promoting the Sesquicentennial!

Upon motion of Katie Maher and seconded by Jane Sawyer, it was

VOTED: That there being nothing further to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Secretary