

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(Aka Ashland NH Sesquicentennial Committee)
DRAFT MINUTES
April 26, 2016, at 6 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Jane Sawyer, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to lack of flag.

Roll call: Chair Jane Sawyer, Vice Chair Katie Maher, Secretary Susan MacLeod, Finance Bob Baker. In addition, following were present: Kendall Hughes

Minutes: Upon motion by Bob Baker, seconded by Katie Maher, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of **January 22, 2015** as written. All in Favor.

Correspondence (PO Box 15): Susan MacLeod reported that no mail has been received.

Treasurer's report: Bob Baker reported current balance is \$423.99; only expenditure since last meeting was \$56.00 for yearly post office box rental.

2016 Executive Board Elections: Proposed Slate with Jane Sawyer Chair; Katie Maher Vice Chair; Susan MacLeod Secretary; Bob Baker Finance; Susan MacLeod Corresponding Secretary. Jane made a MOTION to nominate Kendall Hughes for Vice Chair with the balance of the slate as proposed. Amended slate Seconded by Bob Baker. All in favor.

1. Logo/Brand: Jane presented a draft design. It was suggested to have a graphic designer (Jae Demers or Kendall's contact) review the design to be useable in all the different size applications, as well as the license plate for optimum readability.

2. Status of commemorative license plates:

- a. License plates - takes about 1 year after approved to submit design: timeline about 3 months from submission of approved design to print.
- b. Only good for 1/1/18 to 12/31/18
- c. Ashland residents only
- d. Front plate only

3. Stamps and postmarks: Around same timeline as above using same graphic.

4. Video project status: No progress on a group committing to do this.

5. Ashland Historical Society Commemoratives: Plates (need to find manufacturer), Coins, Xmas ornaments, Book (narrative/pictorial) all have yet to be discussed by AHS Board.

6. "Day/week in the life" pictorial: Katie explained the original idea proposed was to reach out to all Ashland residents to submit new photos of their houses as a complete record of Ashland 2018. They can choose to be in the photo. These photos would then be incorporated into the AHS photo archive of Ashland buildings. It is best to set a deadline of 3 months prior to week-long celebrations to be included, and limit it to one photo per household.

7. Raffle: Jane proposed finding/making Ashland specific items, i.e. Monopoly board with Ashland street names, cutting boards with Ashland location on it and other items made in NH to raffle off as fundraiser.

8. Light pole Banners for main streets in 2018: Cost ~\$100 a piece; will need to get approval from Selectmen and arrange with DPW. Have ready to replace current ones as necessary?

9. Week-long celebration in July: Sat: Civil War/costume ball; Sun: muster? (Explorers/AFD); Mon: open; Tues: Grange fairs, woodsman? Wed: open; Thurs: street dance? Fri: alumni night; Sat: afternoon parade led by alumni, 150th ceremony, old-fashioned games, concerts all afternoon, outdoor slideshow, fireworks. Sun: brunch/service at the Covered Bridge, beach, flotilla of boats.

Displays to include historical/alumni: in gym; other possible locations are the Baptist and Catholic church halls, Booster Club. Celebration of accomplishments: mills/bell; Booster Club, high school; elementary school; Ober bldg; covered bridge; fire station; Electric and W&S Depts; Memorial Park, etc.

Action items: 1. Set up going to meeting of each organization to engage involvement. 2. Engage town stakeholders; 3. Solicit financial support; 4. Promote and publicize; 5. Do posters: 2016 Meeting schedule: 4th Tuesday 6 pm Ashland Fire Station: May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, No meetings November & December.

Next meeting to be **May 24, 2016** at 6 pm at Ashland Fire Station

There being nothing further to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 6:45 pm.