

ASHLAND NH 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)  
Minutes of Meeting: November 25, 2014 at 6:00 pm, Ashland Fire Station

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Chair Katie Maher. The following members of the Committee were present:

Vice Chair	Katie Maher
Secretary	Jane Sawyer
Finance	Bob Baker
Corresponding Secretary	Susan MacLeod
Absent with notice:	Caroline Gosse

It was noted that Kendall Hughes has resigned from the Committee.

Upon motion of Susan and seconded by Bob, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held September 23, 2014, be approved as submitted by the Secretary,

Susan reported that no correspondence has yet been received.

Bob advised that there is currently \$755.02 in the checking account, having received \$50 from the Wentworth Historical Society and paid \$100 to Septic Solutions for the portapotty and \$50 to Jane for miscellaneous costs for the September 14 event. A copy of the thank you note sent to the Wentworth Historical Society was passed around. It was noted that Bob will request the Board of the Historical Society to forward a donation to the Wentworth Society for its 250<sup>th</sup> which is in 2016.

Upon motion of Katie and seconded by Susan, it was

VOTED: To reimburse Jane \$219.03, being the balance of her costs as set forth on the invoice submitted by her for food, drink, decorations, etc. for the September 14. event.

Upon motion of Jane and seconded by Katie, it was

VOTED: To renew the rental for the existing PO Box.

There was a brief discussion as to how well Bob did on his presentation at the Historical Society's program in October at the Baptist Church.

Bob and Jane advised that they made a presentation at the November 3 Board of Select meeting and received approval to proceed with the commemorative license plate. We will now proceed with contacting the printing shop as to timing, the requirements for our proposed design, etc. It was decided that this will be a priority item for 2015. We also would like to see if we could bring the old town flag to a meeting next year.

Another priority for next year will be contacting various military bands for our parade and/or concerts in 2018.

Brief discussion of a possible sculpture tour in conjunction with the celebration in 2018, possibly involving millstones to represent our industrial history.

Discussion as to our meetings in 2015 and it was decided to meet the fourth Thursday of January, March, May and September. We will advise Steve Heath, the Fire Chief of these dates, but also look into other sites, such as the Booster Club or St. Mark's Hall.

Upon motion of Susan and seconded by Bob, it was

VOTED: That Jane Sawyer be elected Chair of the Committee.

Upon motion of Jane and seconded by Susan, it was

VOTED: That Katie Maher be elected Vice Chair of the Committee.

Upon motion of Jane and seconded by Bob, it was

VOTED: That Susan Macleod be elected the Recording Secretary of the Committee.

Upon motion of Katie and seconded by Susan, it was

VOTED: That Bob Baker be elected Treasurer of the Committee.

The position of Corresponding Secretary will be left open at this time.

There was then discussion as to when to have the primary event in 2018. It was decided that the Fourth of July attendees are primarily tourists, etc. so that a separate date might be best to focus on Ashland and area present and past residents. It was noted that two major events in one month may require that our event be reduced in cost, such as less fireworks. It was decided that we could tailor our celebration dependent upon financing as the year approaches. Upon motion of Katie and seconded by Jane, it was

VOTED: That the primary celebration date will be Saturday, July 28, 2018.

It was discussed that we would break down the timeline for events leading up to the 2018 to:

- (a) 2016: Native American settlement through 1868  
Powwow - Reuben Whitten events - NH Legislature reenactment
- (b) 2017: 1868 through 1968  
Civil War Ball - 100<sup>th</sup> celebration - Fall event
- (c) 2018: 1968 through 2018  
Railroad station event - 50/60s street dance - historical property tour/  
sculpture displays (millstones) - 150<sup>th</sup> events including parade,  
band concert and fireworks - Peace Accord in Fall

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Our next meeting will be January 22 at 6 pm at the Ashland Fire Station, unless a different location is found. On motion of Bob and seconded by Jane it was voted to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane I Sawyer, Secretary

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