

Ashland 4th of July Committee Minutes

April 22 2020 Phone Conference Call

Present –Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, David Ruell, Katrina Randlett, Tania Hiltz

6:33 meeting called to order, attendance taken by roll call,

Minutes – Minutes from both the 3/22 and 4/15 meeting were sent in advance, there were no questions or comments. David made a motion to accept minutes, 2nd by Kendall, all in favor.

Treasury report – credit \$67.51 in interest, spent \$15760 on fireworks and engraving. Total in the account is \$18059.06

David made a motion to accept the treasury report as presented, 2nd by Kendall, all in favor.

Selectmen’s meeting – presented our 3 options to the selectmen, agreed we need to wait and see what happens in the next few weeks. Discussed the idea for the reverse parade. They have asked us to attend the next selectmen’s meeting as well.

Plan for 4th and parade – reverse parade discussed in further detail. Houses and cars could drive and decorate how they want. We would put together a map. Depending on the size of the parade, we may need cars to be parked rather than drive through at once. Alisha told Kendall the pancake breakfast will probably only happen with a traditional parade. The fire department needs 15 days notice, the police department needs 4 weeks. Concern if we have a regular parade if the 2 bands will want to join in this year. Deb has spoken with all the food vendors who are still interested in participating if we can pull it off. There are currently no contracts with any vendor besides Atlas. Banners and Ad book – the advertising letter did not go out mid march as things were closing. We will make phone calls to businesses for our advertising this year once we have a definite plan of what we are doing. May be able to put ads on the map for parade also. What can we work on now – Deb will make a list of the advertisers phone numbers so we are ready for that, check with Jae about printing times needed for a map. We will stay in touch with the vendors to see where they are all at.

Going out on our own – 1. discussion to make a warrant article to establish the 4th of July Committee as a town committee and guarantee the town funds for police and fire from patriotic purpose account, and the continued use of the ball field. 2. Entertain a friends of the 4th of July private committee that can raise funds for the sole purpose of the event, and can take care of needs that arises, start a non profit group. 3. If we have no other choice we could go back under another organization.

No New Business

No Old Business

Next Selectmens meeting is 5/4

David made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Kendall all in favor.