

Ashland 4th of July Committee Minutes
May 13, 2020 Phone Conference Call

Present –Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, David Ruell, Ann Barney, Katrina Randlett

6:38 meeting called to order, attendance taken by roll call,

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

Treasury report – there is no updated info since our last meeting.

Selectmen’s meeting – The selectmen gave us an extension until 6/1 to decide what will happen with fireworks and parade. There are 2 members who wanted it canceled the day of the meeting but agreed to wait until 6/1.

Fireworks – Boston and Portsmouth have canceled. Discussed option of shooting fireworks from the field so that people did not sit on the field this year. The concern is where the out of towners would watch, with other towns canceled it could be a larger crowd than normal. After discussing all options the committee voted to cancel fireworks unless there were drastic changes in what the governor opens. We will focus promoting safe backyard parties, and promoting the safety aspect of fireworks.

We already have ordered buttons and will give these out. Deb will give 200 to the school so they can be passed out at the end of the school year and the rest can be put out at other businesses and given to locals who may collect them.

Reverse parade – would need signed up by 7/1 decorate your houses for 7/3 & 7/4. Use Survey monkey or something similar to have people who view the houses vote on the top 3. Decorate either patriotic or based on our theme. We could have pictures of the houses put in the paper rather than the floats this year. If people wanted to do floats they would just leave parked in their yard.

Grand Marshall & Mary Ruell Award Winner – create a press release, put the info on the map that is made for the parade.

Fundraising ideas – a few ideas were discussed but decided based on practicality, and because our expenses this year are minimal to skip. We will do canisters still, but will not do any other active fundraising.

Next meeting – treasury report, and reverse parade info 5/27

7:06 David made a motion to adjourn, Ann 2nd, all in favor.