

Ashburnham 250th Anniversary Committee Meeting, December 13, 2012
7:00 PM, Stewart Community Room, Stevens Memorial Library

Present: Steve Coswell, Chair; Barbara Divito, Tyna Donelson, Bob Fichtel, Pat Frederick, Kate Mahoney, Linda Ramsdell, and Lincoln Stiles.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05. No Treasurer's report. Pat Frederick read Katelyn Spurr's Secretary's report from October 25th. (The November meeting was not posted, therefore unofficial.) The report was accepted with minor corrections.

New Business:

Publicity subcommittee, Bob and Kate, showed sample cover and introductory page designs for the informational packet to be distributed to Town board and committee members invited to the January meeting. The Committee discussed the designs and made suggestions concerning wording and format. Designs included a "250th Anniversary Event Planner" page – a signup sheet for members of Town boards and committees who may wish to initiate and manage Anniversary-related activities.

Bob presented another page design, an "Event Announcement Planner" outlining optimum schedule for submitting publicity to local print and broadcast venues, announcing upcoming events.

Kate has set up a new e-mail address for the Committee: <ash250th@gmail.com> . The Committee was given the password.

Event Plans:

2013 Blueberry Breakfast: August 11, 8:00-11:00 at Cushing Academy's dining hall
2013, 2014: Pumpkin Patch for kids to pick their own pumpkins. Scarecrow contest

Anniversary Year Events, 2015

January: Christmas tree bonfire at Rod & Gun Club

February: Town Incorporation Gala, February 21; Historical Expo.

March:

April:

May: Committee will hand out flags at Memorial Day Parade

June 27: Family Fun Day, on Downtown Day: Time capsule opening with dignitaries present in the morning; chicken barbecue at Oakmont, leading up to fireworks display at Oakmont

July:

August: Blueberry Breakfast. Pool event at Lake Club (if not in July)

September 27: Grand Anniversary Parade, Sunday (the day after Brian's Gift Road Race)

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Linc volunteered to help with any Family Fun events anyone may propose
Steve had covered two whiteboards with a wealth of suggestions for fundraising events.

Old Business:

Schoolboy statuettes:

Bob said the man who will make them is ready to cast a prototype in resin, for the Committee's approval. This will be available by Downtown Day, 2013 for taking pre-paid orders.

Banners for light poles:

Bob had four banner designs to choose from. The Committee discussed their preferences, and made suggestions about colors and advertisers' space. A nonbinding referendum was taken on favorite design. When the Committee decides on a design, a prototype will be made for display at Downtown Day, 2013 for taking pre-paid orders.

Stan Herriott will supply brackets to hold banners on the antique-style lamp posts in the downtown. For the wooden poles, Steve can buy brackets at a discount price from Jake Lyman of Lyman Signs, Phillipston, bought back from Athol after they were through with them.

January 17, 2013 Meeting Agenda:

- I. Meet with Town Committee and Board members
- II. Discuss fundraising activities
- III. Plan Historic Trolley Tour for Downtown Day, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia H. Frederick