

Ashburnham 250th Celebration Committee
Minutes of May 16, 2013 Meeting

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Present: Steve Coswell, Co-Chair; Pat Frederick, Secretary; Members: Susan Brennan, Barbara DiVito, Bob Fichtel, and Kate Mahoney.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted as written.

Kate handed out sample order forms for light pole banners. Bob will add squares for letters of sponsor's name or company name, to keep number of characters manageable and readable.

Kate has approached one likely major sponsor, and has received a positive-sounding response. She recommends approaching major sponsors first, with an introductory phone call before a personal visit.

The committee discussed possible other major donors in the town. Kate will be our contact with Cushing Academy. We should place some Schoolboy statuettes at the Cushing gift shop before graduation.

The committee plans to *give* light pole banners to any \$5,000 donors at no additional expense, and to save a certain number of prime location antique light poles for those donors. Subsequent banner sponsors will have their banners posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Bob will make a numbered diagram of the light poles between River Styx Road and Old Nims Road, for assigning banner locations.

We need donation forms for the Schoolboy statuettes, and a book of carbon-less receipts for both the banners and the statuettes. Barbara will pick up a receipt book.

Bob handed out samples of the Committee's light bill insert for July, to be printed on the back of the Historical Society's insert.

The committee discussed some plans for the parade. Steve has spoken with Police Chief Barrett about security for the parade, which may require supplementary coverage by officers from surrounding towns. We will probably invite five high school bands – Oakmont, Murdock, Fitchburg, Gardner and North Middlesex. We may also invite one military band, and possibly a pipe band. Pat Frederick will ask a friend in Westminster about participation by the Model T Ford club of which the friend is a member.

Perhaps the Turnpike Rod and Gun Club would like to host the Kick-off Bonfire, or other anniversary event.

Venue for the Gala Ball will need to be somewhere it is permissible to serve alcoholic beverages.

Bob brought a carton of Schoolboy statuettes, both full color and bronze tone, in their presentation boxes. At the June meeting, committee members will decorate the plain white boxes with the Town Celebration seal. Barbara will buy "Town Color" blue and green ribbons to tie the boxes with.

For the committee's booth at Downtown Day, Barbara will supply table cloths and American flags. Steve will bring Tootsie Pops. Magnets and decals will be made available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20th at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia H. Frederick