

## **Ashburnham 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee, May 6, 2015**

### **Present:**

Steve Coswell and George Cornwall, Co-Chairmen, Pat Frederick, Secretary, Patty Johnson, Treasurer; Members: Susie Brennan, Barbara DiVito, Tyna Donelson, Bob Fichtel, Karen Mattus and Linda Ramsdell. Guest: Ron Young, for the Firemen's Muster.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The Secretary's report for April 28<sup>th</sup>, previously e-mailed to all members, was approved as written.

The Treasurer's report will be e-mailed to the committee members.

### **May 17<sup>th</sup> Music on the Green**

Musician Jane Miller has requested an extension cord and a stool. Barb will make sure that Jane's invoice for her group's fee of \$1,500. is sent to Patty by the end of this week. Steve will make sure the electric power to the gazebo is turned on. The band is to play from 4:00 to 5:30. Karen can bring a cooler with bottled water to sell. Bob says the new batch of Schoolboy statuettes may be ready in time for this event. The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag should be ready by this weekend.

### **June 6<sup>th</sup> Time Capsule Opening**

George reported that he and Tyna went to the Selectmen's meeting. The Selectmen have agreed that one time capsule box will be given to the Eisenlohr family. George also got the Selectmen to sign up for the softball games with Royalston in July.

The Lions Club can help with chair setup and other tasks for the Time Capsule ceremony. So far Tyna has received 76 responses from people who plan to attend the luncheon following the ceremony. Cushing Academy has offered to drop off lemonade and cookies before the beginning of the ceremony. The podium is at Town Hall; the microphone will be brought by an Oakmont student. Tyna has bunting to decorate the podium. Steve will see whether Winchendon's bunting is in good enough condition for us to want to borrow it.

George said that Cushing has agreed to cover the cost of the commemorative coins, through the Historical Society, a nonprofit organization, rather than through the Town. The coins are to be cast by Blackington. Tyna said we need a separate table to sign-in the people who have paperwork proving they are supposed to receive coins. If others want coins, they will have to pay for them.

Committee members should be at Town Hall lawn by 8:30 that Saturday morning.

### **June 27<sup>th</sup> Community Day**

Ron Young attended the meeting to inform the committee concerning the Firemen's Muster. The Muster is to start at noon, continuing until 2:30. The men have some Rosin paper, which they will donate, for measuring the length of the water stream from each of the competing pumpers. He supplied Steve with paperwork outlining what is needed for the muster. Nine or ten brigades will be competing, bringing their pumpers in on trailers behind pickup trucks. An advance sponsor check is needed. We have budgeted \$2,000 for the muster, for first, second and third place trophies for each division (A & B).

The police will donate their hours, and supply lighting as needed. Steve will meet with the police to discuss traffic control. Sgt. Jornet of Monty Tech's JROTC will attend our next meeting.

Bob reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee wants to host old-fashioned kid games at Community Day – sack races, decorated bikes and such.

Three bands can each play for two hours during the day and early evening. Access to electrical connections and seating area for listeners will determine the best location for the bands. After discussing several possible locations, the committee decided to hold our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Oakmont, weather permitting, to get a clearer idea of the ideal locations of the bands and other attractions.

Each committee member should take responsibility for a particular aspect of Community Day events and attractions. Ashburnham Business Council will be in charge of the vendors, marking out their places on the field. The Westminster police will show the dozen Monty Tech ROTC members where they can be the most helpful. Community Day setup will be all day Friday.

The Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant will give bucket truck "rides".

Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics requires two firemen and a fire truck to be present from the beginning of their setup through their display.

The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 PM, (not 6:30 as previously suggested) in Town Hall's basement meeting room. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia H. Frederick*

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