

Ashburnham 250th Celebration Committee Meeting, July 14, 2015

Present:

Steve Coswell and George Cornwall, Co-Chairmen, Pat Frederick, Secretary, Patty Johnson, Treasurer; Members: Susie Brennan, Barbara DiVito, Bob Fichtel and Karen Mattus.

Parade Float Meeting

The meeting, to supply community members with information on parade float building, was held out-of-doors behind Town Hall, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Attendees included float-planning representatives of the following interests:

American Legion and Women's Auxiliary, Ashburnham Conservation Trust, J.R. Briggs School, St. Denis Church, Girl Scouts, Lions Club, vintage automobiles, and the Westminster Cracker Factory.

Representatives received pages including float-building guidelines, which Steve also read aloud to emphasize safety precautions, and a list of materials likely to be needed. A registration page was included in case anyone had not previously submitted one.

Asked about float plans, most representatives said theirs were still very rudimentary.

Another meeting will be held August 25th at 6:30, for progress reports on float construction.

Other 250th Celebration Committee Business

The Secretary's report for the June 30th meeting was accepted as written.

The 250th Committee members reviewed plans for the upcoming tour of gracious homes and lovely gardens. Committee members will meet at the Historical Society building on Saturday morning, July 18th, to pick up yard signs indicating tour properties and designating parking places for each, and will deliver the signs to those properties. Persons wishing to take the self-guided tour can pay the \$10.00 registration fee (\$7.00 if one wears a hat) to Barb at the Historical Society between 12:30 and 1:00.

Committee members volunteered to supply folding tables, beverages and other supplies for the Garden Party at the end of the tour, at Rebecca Rice's and Tom Flanagan's home.

Plans were also firmed up for the Baseball Tournament with Royalston on Friday, July 24th in Royalston, and Sunday the 26th at Oakmont.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 PM in the basement meeting room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia H. Frederick
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