

## Ashburnham 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Meeting, July 21, 2015

### **Present:**

Steve Coswell and George Cornwall, Co-Chairmen, Pat Frederick, Secretary, Patty Johnson, Treasurer; Members: Tyna Donelson, Bob Fichtel, Karen Mattus and Linda Ramsdell.

The minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to those present. Revenues from the Historic Houses and Gardens tour balanced out expenses for the event.

### **Softball Games**

Softball players will meet at the Public Safety Building this Friday at 5:00 PM to travel to Royalston together. Steve will supply the grill, propane tanks, burgers, hot dogs, buns, rolls, and condiments, and will be Grill Master.

The game will be six innings. Sunday's game at Oakmont will begin at 2:00 PM. Players should be there by 1:30. George will take a small cannon to fire for home runs.

### **Parade Plans**

We have enough bands, floats, marchers, vehicles and other participants to fill a two-mile parade route. The Committee discussed comparative merits of various suggested parade routes and staging areas. Police Chief Barrett has approved closing a portion of Route 12 for the parade, as has customarily been done for Memorial Day parades.

Steve will arrange for bleachers, from one source or another, for the Reviewing Stand. Participants must arrive an hour early. Buses will drop off participants at the staging area, then proceed to Briggs School where they will wait to pick them up at the end of the parade.

For the next Committee meeting, Tyna will bring colored paper, cut to index card size, each color representing a category of parade participant. Pat will bring magnets for sticking the papers temporarily to her whiteboard, so they can be rearranged in various configurations, to plan the order of participants in each parade division. Steve will retrieve Pat's whiteboard from the Library attic, where it has been stored since the Committee used it last.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

The Committee will prepare for 250 people at this annual event at Cushing's dining hall, Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00-11:00 AM, admission \$5.00. We need a sound system that can play music from a source such as Bob's I-Phone. Cushing will supply the pancakes. Karen and Patty will bake muffins and breads. It was decided not to offer pies this year; they have never sold well.

### **Oktoberfest**

The venue for the Oktoberfest is not yet decided. Gale Force band will provide the music.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next week's meeting will be at 7:00 PM in Town Hall's basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Patricia H. Frederick*  
Patricia H. Frederick, Secretary