

Ashburnham 250th Celebration Committee Meeting, July 28, 2015

Present:

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

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The minutes of the July 21st meeting were accepted with one addendum.

The Treasurer's report was read aloud. Some additional expenses for the Historic Houses and Gardens tour were noted.

Parade Plans

Susie reported that an equestrian military unit, the National Lancers, from Framingham, will be participating in the parade with six to eight horses. They will need fifty-by-twenty-two-foot staging areas at the beginning and the end of the parade.

Bob's proposed parade route, from High Street down Main Street, turning onto Central Street, ending at the intersection of Central Street with Williams and Corey Hill Roads, was favorably received by the committee. It was observed that this traditional route for past town parades could simplify the dispersal of participants at the end, allowing some to be picked up at the soccer field, or at Briggs School, and others at the Rod and Gun Club on Corey Hill Road, thereby avoiding the congestion of having all participants funneled into the same area.

Steve had retrieved Pat's large, foil-backed whiteboard from the library attic, and Pat brought magnets for sticking papers to it. Tyna brought stacks of colored paper cut to file-card size, for color-coding parade participants. Committee members wrote identifications of participants on the papers, grouping each category by color: Bands on red papers; Floats on yellow; Fire trucks on green; Vintage cars on turquoise; Miscellaneous fun things on dark blue. Steve posted the papers on the white board with the magnets, arranging them in rows representing the five planned divisions. While there will doubtless be changes in the order, this was viewed by the committee as a good starting point for visualizing where the participants will be assigned in each division.

Blueberry Breakfast

The Blueberry Breakfast will take place this coming Sunday. Admission will be \$5.00 per person, kids under age five, free. Karen, Patty and Barb will bake muffins and breads. Karen has bags and ribbons for packaging items attractively for sale. Workers should be at the Cushing Dining Hall by 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next week's meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 PM in Town Hall's basement meeting room.

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