

## **Ashburnham 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Meeting, October 20, 2015**

### **Present:**

Steve Coswell, Co-Chairman; Pat Frederick, Secretary; Patty Johnson, Treasurer; Members: Susie Brennan, Bob Fichtel and Linda Ramsdell.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The secretary's minutes for the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

### **Old business**

The Treasurer's report was accompanied by a handout of the Parade budget. Most participants' invoices have been received, and their fees paid.

The food bill for the Paint Ashburnham art show remains to be paid. Expenses to be paid for the Oktoberfest include rental fees on the tent, heaters and portapotties; police detail, band members, and hay bales. These payments are expected to use up the balance of our Donations fund.

When all the Anniversary Celebrations' bills have been paid, we can decide how best to apply remaining Town-allocated funds. One likely expense will be for a new, 100-year time capsule, which the Committee agreed should be kept in a vault, not buried in the ground. Proposals concerning a new time capsule will be considered at the next meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Options include having a local woodworker make a new capsule, or repairing the old one and reusing it.

Items to be placed in the time capsule may include a Town Report, a Schoolboy Statuette and a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative coin. It was pointed out that a CD recording would not be practical, since 100 years hence, there probably would be no means of playing it, and the plastic might have degraded beyond use.

Another proposed allocation of remaining funds might be a trust fund to provide a startup endowment for a 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Bob moved that the Committee pay Chris Gagnon a \$200 honorarium for his Community Day trolley tours, and his Hike Mount Watatic guided tour. The Committee voted to approve.

Bob also moved that the Committee donate unsold Schoolboy statuettes to the Ashburnham Historical Society. Motion approved, contingent on approval from absent members.

Banners for the Anniversary year will be taken down by the Light Department, after the Contra Dance. Sponsors may claim their light pole banners at the Municipal Light Plant. Steve will contact the Light Department to make arrangements. Pole banner brackets will be kept by the Light Department, which donated them.

### **Contra Dance**

The Committee discussed refreshments; we have plenty of the small water bottles. We may provide cider, for which we have cups. We should buy cookies.

Ads should be placed in The Gardner News. Pat will work with Lorraine DeSousa to design a poster for area bulletin boards.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00, in the basement meeting room at Town Hall.

On the agenda will be the Contra Dance, new time capsule, Schoolboy Statuettes, banners, and thank-you notes. we need to draft our annual report for Sylvia Turcotte.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia H. Frederick*

Patricia H. Frederick, Secretary