

Ashburnham 250th Celebration Committee Meeting, April 12, 2016

Present:

Steve Coswell, Co-Chairman, Pat Frederick, Secretary; Patty Johnson, Treasurer; Members: Susie Brennan, Barbara DiVito, Tyna Donelson, Bob Fichtel and Linda Ramsdell. A few minutes before the meeting was adjourned, George Cornwall (who had been at a Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting) joined the committee meeting.

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Bob had brought to the meeting a catalog page displaying various time capsules. The committee looked at possible models, and settled on the size capsule needed. Bob and Tyna will work together on ordering the time capsule for burial and the plaque for the front of Town Hall. Before the meeting was adjourned, the committee examined the areas where the plaque would be mounted and the time capsule buried.

Steve will obtain four 2015-16 yearbooks – from Oakmont, Overlook, and Briggs Schools, and Cushing Academy, – to place in the new time capsule.

Patty brought commemorative coins from the Town's 225th anniversary. She has spoken with David Uminski, who has agreed to be Master of Ceremonies for the capsule dedication. She has also arranged with Steve Nims for the time capsule plaque to be mounted on the front of Town Hall, and for the hole to be dug for burying the new time capsule.

The committee voted that the Time Capsules Ceremony would be sufficient participation by the committee in the activities of Community Day.

Barbara will design signage about the event, and Patty will engage musicians to play patriotic selections at the beginning and end of the ceremony. Bob will see to having invitations printed.

The borrowed bunting, which adorned Ashburnham buildings during the anniversary year, has been returned to Winchendon by Steve.

George recommended that the Oakmont students who helped open the 1915 time capsule be involved in its reclosing for the next century.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia H. Frederick
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