

4th July Meeting on 2/1/17

Members present: Doug P, Donna F, Jane S, Mary S, Irene J, Wood S, Bob W, Judy P, & Beth F.

Minutes from last meeting were passed out. Judy made one correction...the spelling of Quohog Band (paragraph 7). Then Judy made motion to accept. Donna seconded and all voted in favor.

Treasurer report by Wood. He apologized for making an error when presenting figures last month...he added/subtracted wrong so our actual balance was minus \$709! He said changes have been made by trustees in the way the money is handled.....he does all deposits and they do checks. He noted again that it appears the Lions club never gave us any money in 2015. Said he had mentioned it to Dan Coolidge (Lions treasurer) and Dan was sure they had paid us. We all agreed to just let this go.....they do a lot! Motion to accept report by Irene and seconded by Doug. All voted to approve.

Bob thanked Jane for becoming a member of our committee and coming to the meeting. She confirmed that Cope Makechnie will sing the National Anthem on the 4th and is honored to be asked. Also, Percy Hill has agreed to lead the One Wheelers in the parade....the alumni anyway. They will be starting practice in April. The ringing of the bell at noon will again be done by kid or kids with perfect school attendance. The Hammond brothers will again do the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob would like to add that they would read the list of names of veterans on the Town monument, citing the ones with Gold Stars (signifying they died in the war). Jane thought that would be a good idea and Bob said we will have the names written up for them.

Wood thinks we should really emphasize WWII. Maybe put together a narrative as to what Andover was like back in 1942....stories? Farms? Gas rationing? Etc.....and put it on a board on the Green for folks to see. Someone else suggested and add a note at the bottom about the slide show in the Stone chapel.

This led to discussion about the slide show. Wood thinks he has an old projector that could be used to show the old 4th July slides. Otherwise we will have to have slides put into new format. Jane said that the school has a new projector that we can use if we need it.

Bob said that a man, Cody Dumont, a member of the Marine Corp League in Concord emailed him about being in the parade. They have two WWII vets who are too frail to walk but mite ride in an old WWII jeep! Others will march. Also, Cody is a member of an old car group, called the Lone Wolf Cruisers and will check to see if any of them would drive their cars in the parade.

Someone asked if we have any WWII vets in Andover? Monroe Haley? Maybe we could put a plea in the paper asking if any. We could have them ride in an open car in the parade...and/or in a parked car next to the viewing stand to acknowledge them.

Bob has the idea he would like to get a copy of the old movie "Summer of '42" and show it at some point on the 4th. This brought discussion. Wood said it is a bit "racy" (risqué) and not sure about it! Bob is going to watch it to see. In the meantime everyone thought maybe would be a better idea to show it on the weekend before the 4th....like sat or Sunday eve. Jane said we could use the school and their screen etc. other suggestions were to sell popcorn and hotdogs before or during. Jane will talk to a tech person at school to see if this would be possible. Wood would like to see it outdoors on the green but everyone else preferred the gym location (because of bugs, possible rain, etc). Wood also suggested we get old news reels to show old WWII news before. He is going to research a screen for Outdoors!

Bob brought up he has contract from Kearsarge Community Band....for \$250. We need to vote. Wood made motion to accept it and Judy seconded it. All voted to accept it. Doug will put them under the tent. Bob will sign the contract and send back.

Also, Bob has contract back from fireworks people (same as last year). They will do same display as last year, using the same technician for \$8,000. We need to sign contract and send back with deposit of 50%. Wood made motion to accept and Doug seconded. Judy mentioned she had looked online for other firework people and could not find any reasonable....all very expensive. She thinks we have a good deal. Wood asked what happened to our idea of spending \$10,000. Doug explained to him that the committee had discussed it and decided not worth the extra \$2,000 for just a few more fireworks. We decided we would rather spend the money on other things. Wood was away and missed that meeting. All voted to accept the deal. Bob will sign contract and get check to send back.

Donna has the contract from the Bektash mini cars all set to sign and send back to them....cost is \$500. N.H. pipe and Drum is confirmed but contract not back from them yet. The Bektash marching band, not sure yet. Only a few of them left! We need to lock them in. Bob will do that. Cost for them is \$700. Wood thinks we should ditch them as so expensive and not many....but everyone else feels we should have them as they have been coming for years.

No luck yet with a high school band. Donna has spoken with a person at both Franklin and MV. Also sent them letters but no replies yet. She will keep trying. Jane said she will also try MV. (She has connections!)

Doug spoke with Howard George about old games. There are none anywhere! Just an old sign which mentions the Lions Club metal drive and the old game wheel at the fish and game club.

Donna said her granddaughter, Ashley French and her boyfriend, Brian, want to do a patriotic booth on the Green. Doug will work with them. Also, Jeannette Peters agreed to have a table to sell patriotic trinkets set up next to a booth she is doing with her daughter.

Doug didn't contact the youth baseball yet about a float but did contact Ragged Mt Fish & Game club (at least I think he said that!)

Bob reported on ones he contacted about floats:

Franklin Savings - they are not sure

Lake Sunapee Bank- Yes

NHEC - we would like a float or donation - they will get back to him

Unitarian church - he didn't contact yet

Judy got a gift card from Pecco at Highland Lake Inn for an overnight and breakfast! So our raffle items will be that, the Italian Basket, and grocery store gift cards. We will have tickets ready to sell at town meeting.

Judy didn't contact the frisbee dogs yet. She hasn't talked with the Fortnightly club yet about a float or the Community Assoc.

The float prizes were discussed at last meeting and we now need to vote on them. They are as follows:

Grand Prize for 75th celebration of \$250.

1st Prize. \$100

2nd Prize \$75

3rd Prize \$50

Donna made motion to approve. Judy seconded. All voted in favor!

Parking was discussed. Wood said he has been over to Proctor again recently and the parking area has gotten smaller! He said the only vehicles that will be allowed there are ones actually in the parade. Entrants will have to come in, drop off people etc and then go back out and park across the street in the parking lot by the cemetery. He suggests we hire a couple police to help with this...to keep others from using that parking area. So the proctor space near the dining hall and hockey rink will be for parade participants only! Judy suggested that we ask town's people to offer their yards for parking and charge a fee, like other towns do. Bob is going to ask proctor if we could use their big field (on right side of road coming into Andover from Potter Place direction, just after Howard George's house). He said could park a lot of cars there. We would need parking volunteers! Doug will also ask Ernie Blake about his field. He could charge a fee and make a profit!

Donnette McGill said yes to printing the programs.

Thanks to Doug, Donna, Bob and Alita for going thru the pictures and picking ones for the Town report. Out of about 900 photos they picked 15! Also, they discussed making a booklet of old pictures and selling them on the Fourth....all thought this was a great idea! We could sell on the 4th and through out the year and the next year. Bob will ask Charlie D. if he would check out the cost for us. It would be about the size of the programs. Also, Bob is trying to get a copy of an old July 4th photo that is on the wall downstairs in the town office.....onewheelers and crowds along the street to use in the town report. Jane suggested Kline Design, a local printer, for the photo booklets. Bob will check them out.

Donna has contacted Chronicle and Channel 9 again with emails and still no replies! She is going to keep trying. Maybe call them....or go there!

Doug spoke with the magician but he is booked already. He only had one time slot when he could come and it is the same time slot as the Kearsarge Band. So Doug told him no for this year. We all agreed good decision....very expensive at \$700 for one hour! Jane said the school gets him for less

Judy said David Bates and girlfriend want to sell something (food) before the fireworks. Or maybe we could have them do it before or during the movie the weekend before?

Lois from town office said that a musician wants to play and Doug will check into that.

A band contacted Bob. All women and one man! Called "Honest Millie" they want to come play. They are a swing band. Bob listened to their tape and said they are great! They would do two time slots for \$650. Doug said we only have room for one 45 min slot. So Bob will ask if they would do that...and for less, like \$350 to \$400.

We now have continuous music from 1:15 to 9:15 pm! Doug might have two stages set up so that while one band is playing another could be setting up. This would save time.

We went around the table to see if anyone had anything to add! Mary suggested maybe we could get gift cards from restaurants for the raffle.....maybe next year as we already have enough raffle items this year. Jane said that the Good Citizen chosen in 6th grade could be in the parade.....we could make a big deal of this.

Judy suggests that when Bob asks Margo Coolidge to sing the patriotic medley again with Nancy Tripp, that he tell her that we have a student singing the National Anthem this year.....so no surprises!

Donna put a note on our FB page about floats. She got a message from a girl asking to have a mini horse-drawn cart in parade. Donna is sending her the registration form.

Judy made motion to adjourn. Doug seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm!