

## Minutes of July 4th Committee on 4/6/17

Members present: Bob, Doug, Donna, Jane, Roxanne, Judy, Mary, wood, Sue Young and Wood.

Review of last meeting minutes. Motion by Judy to accept and seconded by Wood. All in favor of accepting minutes.

Treasurer Report. Wood said basically nothing to report. He is behind in everything! Did say he got a check for \$200 from NHEC. Also, check we had paid to the Civil Air Patrol last year for the parade was never cashed! By the time they decided to cash it, it was expired! So we have to re-do their payment. He said, in all, we lost about \$1,000 this last year.

Judy reported that she sold raffle tickets during voting and took in \$286. She needs someone to sell tickets at the transfer station on Saturday morning ....the second Saturday in May (which would be the 13th). She herself can do it on the second Saturday in June.

We had discussion about the town meeting vote on our warrant. It passed 88 to 45! Wood is mad that so many voted against it! Especially mad that the budget committee did not recommend it and actually spoke out against us and then all voted against!! We all agreed on that! Wood feels he should have gone to them as well as the select board to better explain our situation. Also, the fact that our finance page wasn't in the town report might have hurt us. (Note from Beth: I had it ready for Charlie D. He said he would send me a template. Later he told me he didn't need it....that they didn't need our financials!). Our getting this vote was a one year deal. Next year we need to present to selectmen and budget committee to actually get the amount in the budget as a line item. Bob suggested we call it Patriotic Expense. We should calculate the actual cost to taxpayers. Also we need to be sure that our financials make it into the town report next year. Wood estimated the total cost of the event at \$17,000 to \$18,000.

Judy asked what should she do about donations that come in to her. She said she already got one from someone who used the form in the Beacon. (No one knows why the form got put into the paper!! No one submitted it! Beth will contact Donnette at the Beacon and be sure it doesn't get in again!) Some discussion about this. Judy thinks we should still list them as donors in the program if they send in a donation as some people like to see their name there. Others don't agree on this. Beth and Wood strongly disagreed. They feel, in lieu of the fact we asked the town to give us the \$10,000 in place of canvassing door to door, we should NOT list any separate donations. It will cause trouble and some people will get mad since we said no more collections. Most agree with this and Bob suggested we just put in a half or quarter page ad saying thanks to folks who made a special donation. Most agreed with that, tho we didn't actually have a motion or a vote!

We discussed the program. We will need to get more ads, especially now that we aren't collecting. We need a person to head this up. No one is interested! But Judy suggested we organize the current ads and then divvy them up among us and all agreed. She said she will

organize them in areas...example: Franklin, Andover etc and then we can divvy up. We will do this at next meeting. She also said every advertiser should get a copy of the program to see their ad. Doug suggested we look at the brochure the Andover Community Assoc made up of businesses to get ideas for new ads.

Bob will get the signed contract out to the fireworks people along with check for deposit.

Bob reported on some parade entries who have committed:

- 1) Marine Corp League (Veterans) contacted Bob. They will be in the parade and will have a color guard, 4 Marines, and 2 WWII vets riding in an old vintage jeep.
- 2) The Unitarian Church will have a float (Donna will send them a registration form.)
- 3) It is confirmed that the CAP cadets will be in the parade.

He also reported that he contacted Proctor about the parking dilemma. Rachel McDuffy will check with the director of facilities and buildings and ground and get back to him. This was about the parking area to the right of Carr field and also the hayfield up the road (which Bob feels would hold many cars) and we would need attendants there.

Wood asked about the parade line-up and how many people we have lined up for that. Donna said so far she has Rose Tilton, Sue Young , Betty Adams, Mike and his daughter,Michelle and herself. We will need a police officer there on the road and an attendant (?). Wood thinks we need more people. Also it was mentioned we need some sort of voucher system for that...Wood says he has that taken care of...use a deck of playing cards. We will need someone to kick people out of the Proctor parking where parade lines up who don't belong there....Sue volunteered herself and her husband.

Also, it was confirmed we got a bill already from Byron's for the portal potties, but we won't pay until the event....or shortly after.

Regarding flyers of the day's events and map, Jane Slayton said she can print them for us at the school (no charge). We decided we would need about 300 copies. Doug will pass out some and we will place at other spots like the raffle table.

Wood will confirm extra police. He is in charge of hiring one if Town can't give us one. We have already approved \$420 if he needs it. Bob will ask the Chief to come to our May meeting.

Bob will take care of the sketch of Andover back in 1942. Rather than make a list of Veterans to display, he will refer to the monument there with all the names. He will have a list for the Hammond brothers to read when they do the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roxanne said that she has discovered that there is no electricity at Carr Field, so she will set up the games at 5:30 on the Green instead of Carr Field. She will spread them around. All thought a good idea as will draw more people and the bands will still be playing. She asked what our feelings were on a dunking booth? The concensus was, we probably couldn't do it because of liability and referred her to Marge Roy....but suggested maybe a booth where a bucket gets

dumped on the person instead of them getting dropped into water. She also asked about a mechanical bull....a tame sort of one....we referred her to the town administrator on that too.

Wood has found his carousel projector...in his storage.....to use for the slideshow. Also, he hasn't given up on the Black Hawk!

Beth brought a list of movies that her sister gave her. The favorites were:

Yankee Doodle Dandy, a musical

Buck Privates, a comedy with the Andrews Sisters singing and starring Abbott & Costello

Her sister has the DVDs and will loan to us.beth will hopefully get for the May meeting so we can preview them.

It was suggested we have a double feature.

We have pretty much run out of luck trying to get a high school band. Merrimack Valley said no as well as Franklin High. Bob suggested maybe we can find another band like the Kearsarge Community to ride on a trailer in the parade. Sue mentioned that she had contacted a Bavarian brass band that would ride on a hay wagon in the parade. The person, Bill Sharpe, is from Lebanon and emailed her back asking if the parade time was "written in stone"!! She hadn't responded yet and we told her to say yes, time is written in stone and to ask his price. Also, she said that the state Army band is already booked.

Judy has called the Frisbee Dogs, but no reply yet. Also, the Fortnightly Club hasn't committed to a float yet either.

Bob spoke to Charlie D about doing the design work for the programs again. He was happy to do them and will also do the booklets (photos) and check the pricing.

Donna has still had no response from her calls to Chronicle. Sue knows phone number to a person who should be able to help and is going to email it to Donna.

Beth reported that Denny Fenton said no to his convertible for the parade and the 6th graders because it won't run....stalls! But Bob said that someone he knows has a 1930 Model A Ford with a rumble seat and would love to drive it with the two kids (the Good Citizens) riding in it....perhaps in the rumble seat!

Also.....regarding the ads for program....Irene wants to help, so we will take her to places and let her get the ads she is used to as the people like to see her....but she won't have to do the paperwork. Wood, Donna, Beth, Judy and Doug all volunteered to take her.

Per Mary Champney, the Clydesdale people won't let her know about their horses until 60 days prior to the event. Doug said they can use his property to stage or whatever they need....before they join the parade, perhaps as it comes by his house. Mary has also contacted the Blue Angels...had to send a letter so she did that. No reply yet. And she called the NH Volunteer 5th

Regiment and left a message. They do re-enactments. No reply yet. Also, she is trying to find out how to contact the Air Force Thunderbirds!

Judy asked about advertising for the 4th....papers etc. bob will take care of that. She also brought up about a person (Mark Heller of Andover) suggesting we set up a "Go Fund Me Page" on Facebook. There was some discussion. Wood heartily disagrees with this idea and he voiced his opinion strongly. Judy wanted to pursue it....said it wouldn't be asking for money from townspeople. Someone said they weren't sure if Town would allow this. Wood again said loudly that he disagrees with this idea, since we have already gotten the town to give us the \$10,000! Judy said she will check with Marge at town office. Wood said loudly "I QUIT!" He got up, grabbed his things, and left, slamming the door loudly!

After, Doug tried to explain to the others why Wood is upset...he put himself out there to deal with the town and the warrant article asking for the money so we wouldn't have to go asking for money from townspeople....and he feels that doing something else to get money this year is not right! Others might agree with him, but we never got to a vote on it.

The One Wheelers are definitely a go for the parade, per Jane.

Donna has sent out registration forms with updated info. Bob reported that Arch Weathers will finish the new signs for each end of town (or maybe it is just one sign as I think one was already done).

Meeting adjourned....about 9 pm.

(Respectfully submitted by B. frost in Alita's absence.)