



250th Anniversary Committee

May 27, 2015 Minutes

Present: Walt Kutylowski, Rebecca Hutchinson, Cherie Sanborn, Edie Kimball, Maxine Fowler, Bernie Cameron, Carol Levesque, Mary Ellen Moran, Ernie Robert, Dee Jones, Fran Menard, Jack Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Sign in and introductions

May 6 minutes approved with one correction:

- Anticipated Coffeehouse revenue for Deerfield250 is \$1500 – \$2000

Work Commitments Reports:

- Jack Letter from Selectmen (written by Bernie and Jack) requesting Tyke Frost & the Wells Fargo stage for our celebration was sent to Wells Fargo Bedford branch manager May 18. No response yet.
Spoke to Timberlane Community Band leader again - they're interested, but it isn't firm yet.
200 license plates are scheduled for production – should be available in time for Old Home Day sales.
David O'Neal (Fair President) will appoint an ad-hoc committee to work with our representatives to plan use of the Fairgrounds for our July weekend.
VHS video tapes of early '90s Firemen's Shows received from Wendy; they will be digitized.
- Rebecca Selectmen will consider bulk mailing in December 2015; decision will be made in November, considering monies left in the budget
- Dee (speaking for Karen) We spent a lot of time on this. Karen, Joan and Dee have it all worked out, have prepared an order form and have started selling. They'll try to have 500 bulbs on hand for sale at the Fair. Other than those, orders should be placed now. The form is being distributed with this email – also Jack will make it

available for download on the internet. We'll also distribute them in hard copy around town.

- Eddie Ornaments are ready this week or next.
Richard Moore has made sheets for calendar production with space for event dates and times, which should be determined soon. It takes two-three weeks for printing, and we'd like to sell them at the December Holiday Stroll.
- Sheri She and Don met and have drafted a list of monetary amounts for contribution and the kind of advertising and gifts to be received for each amount. Secretary was given a balance sheet. Current balance is \$5,222.82.
- Carol Parade update: Model A Ford club meets once a year in May – so we won't know until next year whether they'll participate in the parade.
- Bernie Budweiser Clydesdales make no commitments till 60 days prior to the event. After discussion: Try for bands of several types: marching, jazz, country, Dixieland, fife and drum, bagpipe, etc. We understand this may cost \$8000 or more. Bernie and Carol will select bands and make a recommendation. Theme for the parade will be our motto: "Deerfield, A Place to Call Home since 1766". Jack reported that insurance will not limit us – there are details to work out, procedures to comply with, but it is workable if we observe simple safety rules.
- Maxine Stenciling in the homes of six houses have been obtained for photos both inside and outside. A simple release form will be drafted. The Art Show should be separate from the Crafts at the fairgrounds. A letter has been sent to The Forum requesting the participation of local artists. A raffle of some artists' work will be a part of the art show.
- Mary Ellen Granite has been selected for the welcome to Deerfield sign. Request will be made to place it in the "Smokey the Bear" area. Inscription will read: Deerfield, A Place to Call Home Since 1766.
Ads for the commemorative booklet are slowly but surely coming in.
- Ernie Town Hall has been reserved on January 9, 2016 for a social gathering and reenactments of the reading of delivery of the 1766 act of incorporation. Bonfire was approved by the Fire Department. Other possible participation includes contra dancing (see Sara Mason) and a potluck supper (see Congregational Church).
- Walt Variety Show group met and revisited theme to an older couple cleaning out the attic and finding items that bring back memories.

Schedule through Dec

- Jack distributed in hard copy. We made a few enhancements. We'll have an updated hard copy at our June meeting.

2016Publicity

- We would do well to have someone who could take the lead on publicity – specifically newspaper articles at this point.. Names mentioned: Mel Graykin, Joan Mountford. Previously mentioned, Chris Carr. Mel has offered to include a paragraph about our plans in each article she publishes. Jack owes her that text.

New Business

- All but a few minutes of our meeting were consumed with work reports. The conversation often trailed into details we needn't work as a full committee. Rebecca suggested was to expedite this agenda item. We'll try something a bit different at our June meeting.
- We made a few enhancements to the draft schedule of events. We'll have an updated hard copy at our June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Dee Jones and Jack Hutchinson

Next Meeting: June 25 at 6:30 PM at GBW building