



250th Anniversary Committee

February 24, 2016 Minutes

Present: Dean Young, Doreen Schibbelhute, Mary Ellen Moran, Fran Menard, Carol Levesque, Edie Kimball, Cilla Haule Tyler, Tyler Reese, Charlie Reese, Torin Judd, Jan Clark, Don Tordoff, Walt Kutylowski, Deb Smith, Mel Cameron, Paul Murphy, Dan Briggs, Wendy Rappa, Roger Marquis, Ernie Roberts, Rebecca Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson, Dee Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Sign in, attendance, and introductions

January minutes approved

Financial Report: No major changes. \$380 deposited since last meeting.

Inventory Report: Jack

Donated license plates to Mark Young (6) for town trucks, Mark Tibbets (10) for fire trucks, Rick Pelletier (1) for his code enforcement truck and Joe Manzi (2) for the two Parks and Rec vans.

Next sales events:

- Election Day, March 8 at Town Hall (outside only);
- Cabin Fever Fair March 19, 9-2 at Town Hall.
- April 16, 11-2 during Chili and Chowdah fest and accompanying events at Town Hall

Paul, Wendy and Rebecca volunteered to assist. Jan Clark offered a table for set up.

Parade Report: Torin for Bernie

An article asking for parade participation will be in the print edition of The Forum.

Roger circulated a list of Deerfield businesses to contact about participation. Committee members volunteered to make contact.

Brian Winslow will lead the DCS/Community band, coordinating activities with Melissa Davis, DCS music teacher.

Parade unit update:

- French-Indian reenactors participation confirmed
- Waiting to hear from Revolutionary War reenactors.
- Rockingham Riding Club unable to attend due to prior engagement.

- Chester Robbins' "Raymond Hillbillies" float
- WWII vehicles from the Wright Museum
- Pleasant Lake Association float
- Torin Judd and Sue Pollack will be riding Morgan horses
- Ponies from Wolf Creek Stables (Kellie Riordan)

Invitations: Rebecca

Rebecca distributed written invitations to our July weekend events which members may send to former residents, family members, or friends of Deerfield. Please give Rebecca the names via email of those sent invitations.

April 16 events and plan: Karen (in absentia) Jack

The next major 250th event! We can help by recruiting for and participating in the clean-up and donating chili, soup or salad for the noon-time feed. Assemble for the clean-up at 9AM at the Community Church. A chili, chowder and more lunch is served to the volunteers at town hall. Police department, social services, and other community groups set up tables with information and items to give away. We will expand the day's activities into the afternoon and include the judging of the Beard Growing Contest and the Archeological Dig of the outhouse behind town hall, live streaming the latter into the building. This is another opportunity to sell commemorative items.

Garden tour: Dee

Tour will be Saturday, June 25; times to be determined. Deerfield Garden Club is looking for interesting gardens to include in the tour. Club will be making a brochure with a map and brief discussion of type of garden. The tour is Saturday only (rain day, Sunday) Club will provide a sign to display. No charge for the tour, just a request for donations to help maintain the seven town gardens. Contact Dee with names and numbers via phone or email (303-4162) deekenj@metrocast.net

Antique & Classic Car and Truck Shows: Doreen and Dean

Doreen brought a sample trophy from Crown Trophy Company in Hookset. Cost is \$15; ten will be needed for 10 categories. Company offers a discount to Deerfield for the 250th so mention this on other orders. Discussion included whether to have car show on Saturday and truck show on Sunday. Dean and Doreen will choose the cars that will participate in the parade – mostly older models and some exotics.

Variety Show: Wendy and Mal

Rehearsals begin this month. Jackie Bellows will play the piano! By unanimous consent, the committee authorized up to \$1000 for the pianist/music director with details to be worked out by Walt and the committee. Rehearsals will take place at Deerfield Community Church. Still needed are acts between skits and support folks to help with costumes, make-up, scenery, etc, also, needed are volunteers for acting in the skits. In the past the Fire Auxiliary produced the shows with many DVFD members participating. Mark Tibbetts has been contacted. Personal contact with individuals works best for recruiting. Possibilities; Penny McGarry (costumes), Missy Perron (costumes), Andy Robertson (skits). Sound will be handled by Tim Griffin. Bob Mann might be able to help with lights.

July Schedule of Events: Jack

Draft schedule distributed.

There are 18 confirmed participants in the excavator rodeo. Doreen will contact Junior Gardner to be the “color” announcer for this event. Erick Berglund is willing to be the drummer. Walt will ask Nate Oxnard or Susan Fischer to play the trumpet. Quilting Bee, perhaps in the maple syrup building was added. Mary Ellen will look into the cemetery tour which needs to be added. We’re concerned about attendance at the Saturday evening Variety Show at the end of a long day of activities. We moved it up from 7PM to 5:30PM, but will consider other solutions as well.

Layout of Events on Fairgrounds: Jack

Large map of the fairgrounds indicating the location of events presented. Parade route from Gate E to Gate C found too short – decided to change to Gate G to Gate C.

Forum Print Edition and Town Report; Jack

Text submitted to each distributed in meeting package. Town Report can be obtained at Town Hall on Election Day.

Other Reports

- There will be considerable work to do on the Fairgrounds the week leading up to our event – building the band stage, perhaps a structure for a Fire Department demo, signs, laying out the corn hole tournament, etc.
- Saturday evening / Sunday morning and again Monday morning we’ll have a significant clean-up.
- Dan and Jack will work with the Fair Association to have John Tobee’s support through the weekend. John is the essential resource on the Fairgrounds for operational and most other issues.
- Wendy: Should we be recruiting boosters for Variety show? While it would be great to have them, we’ve had a couple of fundraising initiatives already, so we decided to not pursue. Rebecca may be able to direct a FOCUS donation (about \$200) to the variety show.
- Tee shirts for the April 16 event – we decided to spend up to \$500 for volunteer tees we’ll also use at other events, including our July weekend. We’ll plan to order bright colored, inexpensive tee shirts could be made for volunteers. Jack will coordinate with Denny Greig and Torin will work on the design.
- Possible Auction of matchbooks from 200th anniversary and wooden muskets? No.
- Kellie Riordan of Wolf Creek Stables offered to present a horse jumping demonstration? Yes, please! We’ll plan that for Sunday early afternoon
- Corn Hole tournament award – a set of Corn Hole targets emblazoned with our 250th logo. Jack and Torin will work on this.
- Excavator Rodeo prize – a framed \$100 bill in a wall plaque something like “Grand Champion Operator of the first 250 years, Deerfield, NH”. There’s work to do on that...
- We could ask Lucy Myers to add a spinning demonstration to our 18th century trades and skills exhibit area.

- Dean's son volunteered to have his drone fly over the fairgrounds and take pictures in July. No conclusions. There are questions of insurance there -
- We want to plan a Town group photograph in front of Town Hall if possible. Possible contact, Richard Moore. However we may have our best opportunities at the conclusion of the parade or at the Excavator Rodeo or some other event (both on the Fairgrounds). We'll think more about this

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones and Jack Hutchinson

Next meeting March 24