



250th Anniversary Committee

March 23, 2016 Minutes

Present: Carol Levesque, Mary Ellen Moran, Fran Menard, Chuck Reese, Dean Young, Meghan King, John King, Julie DeCosta, Cherie Sanborn, Edie Kimball, Melissa Davis, Cilla Tyler, Paul Murphy, Mal Cameron, Bernie Cameron, Jan Clark, Roger Marquis, Rebecca Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson, Dee Jones

Sign in, attendance, introductions

February minutes approved.

Financial Report: Jack

In handout. No major changes. We've raised \$60,987.76 to date, spent \$28,645.83 (largely for inventory). We foresee \$26,500 more expenses and new items keep coming up. We're on a good course so far. Amount for bright green volunteer Tee-shirts was increased.

Inventory Report: Jack

In handout. Largest current inventory exposures are caps, plates and ornaments. We will make more booklets for the July celebration; 100 or more. New donors will be included in the new printing.

Parade Report: Jack/Bernie

In handout. List of entries growing nicely.

April 16 Events and Plan: Jack (for Karen)

Volunteers for Town-Wide Cleanup meet at 9AM behind Deerfield Community Church for gloves (if needed), trash bags and road assignments. They'll return around 11-11:30 am to drop off trash and proceed to town hall for lunch. Eighth graders will be conducting a metal collection fundraiser. Sign up to bring food donations online through the website and Face book. Beard growing contest judging and awards begin at 12:30 pm. Archeological dig begins at 1:00 pm and will be streamed live into town hall. Tim Griffin will be handling the A/V.

Banner and signs: John and Meghan King

John and Meghan, owners of Vinyl Freaks in Deerfield, have offered to make a banner. They brought samples of the banners and discussed options. We hope to string a banner across Church Street some time in April. Our logo and the July dates at a

minimum. Jack will confer with Torin Judd on the design. Fire department will install as they did in prior years for Old Home Day.

Because there are still Deerfield residents who don't know about the 250th Anniversary celebration and because Deerfield is so spread out, we plan to make road-side signs similar to those for political campaigns. Dee indicated they could be placed in the gardens at intersections around town.

Garden Tour: Dee

Planned for June 25. The Forum article requests participants reply by April 31. A few flyers have been placed at the library, town hall, and the school for those folks who don't have computers.

The brochure will include a map and a short description of the garden and will be available at the library, town hall, the school, and the plant sale June 9 (a little advertising). No fee for the tour, but donation opportunities will be available to help finance the maintenance of the seven town gardens. We're looking for lovingly cared for gardens – big and small, container and vegetable - not necessarily pristine wonderlands, though those would be okay too. Contact Dee if you have suggestions or want to sign up.

Parade: Bernie

Regulations and applications for parade participation were distributed for comment. No additions or modifications were suggested. Each parade entry will have a captain who will serve as contact person. Applications include a brief description of the entry to be read by the announcer at the reviewing stand. We'll work to get applications completed as quickly as possible. Roger reports good feedback from his contact list: 14 more participants. We anticipate a Parade lasting about one hour.

Variety Show: Mal

Venue has been moved indoors to Deerfield Community School where weather will not be an issue. Because folks may be tired after all Saturday's events and activities, there was discussion about moving the date to Friday after the Fire Department's ham and bean supper, which would also be moved to DCC. Capacity of the auditorium was questioned (it's 600). Should tickets be sold for the show or for the supper so they can't be oversubscribed? Decisions were tabled until our next meeting.

Mal distributed a flyer announcing the first open casting call for the Variety show Sunday, April 3, 3-5 pm at Deerfield Community Church Great Room.

Also needed are: stage hands, make-up artists, costume makers, and more.

5K Run: Julie DeCosta

Run will be Sunday, July 17, starting at 9AM at the fairgrounds. Entrant fees will cover the cost of the paid timing company, the cost of tee-shirts for the first 100 entrants, and the prizes for winners in each category. Edie suggested participation ribbons for all with our logo and the date. Entrants after the first hundred may have the option of paying an additional \$10 for a tee-shirt. A kid run will be included. Tee-shirt design will be determined by the winner of the DCS Student Art Contest. Our logo should appear on the shirt as well. We requested that the race begin and end inside the fairgrounds. Volunteers will be needed for registration, water stops, clean up, etc.

July Schedule of Events

In hand-out

Eighteenth Century skills and trades demonstrations: Jack

Along with the quilting bee and spinning demonstrations, we're working to include other crafts of the 18th century like blacksmithing, riving shakes, hewing timbers, use of farm equipment, etc. This will be in the area in front of the farm museum. We will rent a tent for shelter for shade or rain. As a 250th commemorative gift, a new blacksmith shop might be constructed – Jack is working with Dan and others on that.

Critical Path items for July weekend: Jack

We've 19 confirmed entries for the Excavator Rodeo. "Color" material is needed for announcers. Paul Murphy with work on developing that material with phone calls and visits with the operators and others.

We'll place another tent near the grandstand in case of weather issues; shelter from the rain or shade from the sun. Jack will work the fair people on ordering tents.

Egg drop from a helicopter was mentioned . . .

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones & Jack Hutchinson

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20 6:30PM @ GBW

Addendum:

We've a number of initiatives with an identified leader. Please refer inquiries or suggestions as follows:

- Parade: Bernie Cameron breiscam@gmail.com
- Art Show and Sale: Maxine Fowler acornhillartstudio@gmail.com
- Food Concessions: Darlene Heon dmheon@metrocast.net
- Craft Sales: Cherie Sanborn chersanborn@yahoo.com
- 18th Century Crafts, Trades and Skills: Jack Hutchinson
- Excavator Rodeo: Jack Hutchinson
- Fair Association: Jack Hutchinson / Dan Briggs chatterbrookfarm@gmail.com
- Variety Show: Wendy Rappa purplecrow@metrocast.net / Mal Cameron malcameron21@gmail.com / Walt Kutylowski waltjk@metrocast.net
- Music: Walt Kutylowski waltjk@metrocast.net
- Encampments: Bernie Cameron breiscam@gmail.com
- Auto and Truck Shows: Dean Young / Doreen Shibbelhute doreenschibb@gmail.com
- Corn Hole Tournament: Julia Hutchinson (through Jack)

- Baseball: Howie Maley hmaley@yahoo.com / Dwight Barnes dwightbarnes5555@gmail.com
- Road Race: Julie DeCosta ggjulie@metrocast.net
- Church Service: Paul Murphy prmurphy214@gmail.com / Torin Judd torin.judd@gmail.com / Carol Meredith
- Fundraising & Donations Don Tordoff 463-7094 / Cherie Sanborn chersanborn@yahoo.com