



250th Anniversary Committee

April 20, 2016 Minutes

Present: Cherie Sanborn, Paul Murphy, Mal Cameron, Bernie Cameron, Wendy Rappa, Tricia Lynn, Tyler Reese, Charles Reese, Mary Ellen Moran, Fran Menard, Carol Levesque, Edie Kimball, Jan Clark, Don Tordoff, Torin Judd, Meghan King, Courtney Moser, Tom Tanguay, Bonnie Heisey, Roger Marquis, Dee Jones, Jack Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Sign in, attendance, and introductions

March minutes approved

Financial Report: Jack

In handout. We've raised \$62,578.76 to date, spent \$29,931. There were added expenses for lime green volunteer tees and AV equipment for April 16. New or increased anticipated expenses are for tents, audio support on fairgrounds, corn toss bags and prizes and police details..

We now own a GoPro, a longer AV cable and adapters used to live-stream the privy dig inside the Town Hall. We'll have more use for them.,

The Variety Show and supper at DCS Friday June 15 will also bring in more revenue. DVFD will host the supper at no cost to the committee. We propose the same plan as the January 9 supper; \$5 for individuals and \$10 per family. DVFD food prep capacity is 300 served – so we'll print 300 tickets. We plan No admission fee for the Variety Show, though we will suggest a donation to be passed on to DVFD in a bow to the tradition of Fire Auxiliary Variety Show fundraisers. Gym capacity is 600. If needed, we can arrange to stream the Variety Show in the cafeteria. We'll sell commemorative items at these events.

Inventory Report

We will order more books in mid-June with an up-to-date listing of donors and schedule of events.

Only large sizes are left in sweatshirts. Leftover inventory will be sold in the historic building at the fair in September. We will reorder bright green volunteer tee-shirts: 10 medium and 15 large.

Sales of licenses are picking up.

Parade Report

See hand out. The list of entrants is growing, now includes a WW2 Stuart tank and a halftrack from the Wright Museum which Steve Rollins will transport down and back for the weekend. Add Countryberries to the Business List. Roger Marquis is the contact person for business participation. Roger passed out copies of the Parade registration package. distributed. Entrants will be called to return forms by the end of May if they haven't done so.

April 16 Review

Town-wide cleanup day was another success. Turn out was excellent and food bountiful with 15+ crockpots of delicious soups and chowders The beard growing contest was well-received and fun. The archeological dig earned a well-deserved front page article in the Union Leader. A great day. Many pictures were taken which we will try to assemble as part of a retrospective book.

250th Banner and roadside signs

The trees from which the Old Home Day banner was strung across Church Street are no more. After discussion, we decided to make two large signs to be placed in a V opposite the GBW building to be easy to read from vehicles passing in either direction.. We will also make 15 smaller signs with logo, dates and Facebook address to be placed in town gardens and other appropriate places around town. We'll ask to use DCS school sign to advertise the Variety Show as it approaches. Torin will work with John and Meghan King to design and produce the signs.

Antique and Classic Car Show

No update. Jack arranged an improved location in the area east of the "Muster Field" between gates 'E' and 'F' Vehicles will use Gate F to enter and depart.

Variety Show – Wendy Rappa, Mal Cameron

There was a good and enthusiastic turnout for the last meeting. The show continues to evolve. Volunteers are still needed for backstage jobs.

July Schedule of Events

Garden tour date changed to June 4, 10 am – 2 pm. More flowers should be in bloom then.

Cemetery Tour - see handout. Two changes from hand out info. We decided to have a school bus as transportation rather than two vans. This would accommodate more people. Also, the tour will begin at Town Hall as a more central location with plenty of parking. There will be no charge for the tours. We will be researching amplification for the guides

Mary Ellen is preparing a small booklet listing all the town cemeteries and a historic map will be available for purchase. The booklet will be a fundraiser project, selling for \$5.

We will rent a 40 x 100 tent to be set opposite the maintenance shop. In inclement weather, the bands could play beneath it and it could be used for other activities. Though primarily a provision in rain, it may also be useful shelter from the sun. The church service will be in the tent, and Jack has had an inquiry about yoga sessions which also might go well there. In rain, the cornhole tournament could be moved under cover. Cost is \$1800.

We will rent a 40X60 tent for the mid-eighteenth century skills, crafts and trades demonstrations This one will be set near the farm museum. Cost is \$900.

There is a \$95 delivery fee and a \$95 pickup charge for the tents

Jack will work on adding a Children's Pedal Tractor Pull event. We may need to purchase more tractors. This event might be managed by the Boy Scouts.

Logistics

Tickets: Jack will meet Deb Clark to plan admission sales mid-June. Ticketing will be a wristband good for admission to the Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday. Our working price is \$5 though that's not yet voted. Children under 12 will be free and do not need a wristband. They will also be sold in advance.

Parking: Jack will plan with Paul Harkinson – the man who plans and manages Deerfield Fair parking. We're planning for 5000 attendance, but will be prepared for 10,000.

A dance in the big tent: Barry Brearley and his son Dana (Sidecar) volunteered to play for the 250th. We decided to have a dance Saturday night with this popular duo, which will appeal to a diverse group including a younger demographic. We agreed to rent a 32 X 32 dance floor which will be assembled under the bandstand tent. Cost: \$2500. The floor will also provide improved stability for chairs for the church service. Jack will ask whether we might do our own assembly to reduce cost (click and lock floor)

We will rent a 30-yard dumpster for cleanup.

We will have an ATM machine on site

Our consensus is we should engage more food vendors for an estimated 5000 attendance. Nine Lions volunteered their services. Jack will pass that to Darlene and Rick. We don't want to cause people to have long waits in lines

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones and Jack Hutchinson

NEXT MEETING: MAY 25, 2016 at 6:30PM at the GBW building