



## **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

August 24, 2016 Minutes

**Present:** Rebecca Hutchison, Torin Judd, Don Tordoff, Jack Hutchinson, Toby Tyler, Cilla Tyler, Edie Kimball, Carol Levesque, Mary Ellen Moran, Cherie Sanborn, Walt Kutowski, Deb Smith, Paul Murphy, Roger Marquis, Dan Briggs, Dee Jones

**Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm**

**Sign in**

**July Minutes approved**

### **Financial Report**

In handout. Just over 2500 plastic wristbands left, so more than 2000 sold and more than 400 distributed to donors and parade and auto-show participants and other demonstrators. Attendance was what we hoped for – our friends and neighbors past and present from Deerfield and nearby communities. Including people who came after 5PM, the baseball crowd, under 13s and loose gate monitoring, our total attendance over the two days was well over 3000

### **Inventory**

In handout. Only large, grey sweatshirts remain. We decided not to order any more tee-shirts. We have a surplus of tubes. We sold \$3000 worth of inventory at the July celebration. Items are still available for sale at town hall, Lazy Lion, and Radio Grove Hardware.

### **Commemorative Sales at Deerfield Fair**

Edie needs volunteers to help sell items at the Fair History building at the fair. Rebecca, Cilla, Mary Ellen stepped up.

### **Volunteer List**

In hand out. Additions were requested from the committee and will be added to the list. Additions: garden club, firemen, boy scouts, kick off dinner cooks, variety show participants, and Focus members. The list now numbers 269 and with a bit more to go.

### **“Deerfield Day” at the fairgrounds**

Many events at the July celebration were so popular that folks wanted them to continue: corn hole tournament, excavator rodeo, frying pan toss, tank, jeep, and halftrack rides. Discussion will continue

with the Fair Committee about combining Old Home Day with “Deerfield Day” which would be a true community event at the fairground. Parks and Recreation Department, the Fair Committee, and other community groups could meet to make this happen. Several enthusiastic volunteers are already planning to produce another variety show which could be the kickoff event for November 2017. Other possible events were mentioned: back hoe rodeo for home owners, tug of war, and an outdoor movie. Consensus was that this is a great idea, but combining Deerfield Day and Old Home Day was essential. Financing could be: (1) fundraising activities/donations (2) allocation from the town (3) allocation from the fair association (4) warrant article.

### **Review of July Weekend**

The weekend was a rousing success. Though we prepared for 10,000, the lower attendance was appreciated. Variety Show was a huge hit; reenactors were thrilled; folks loved the parade; children’s tent was a busy place. . All events were popular, especially the excavator rodeo and frying pan toss. Art building was mobbed between events, but sparsely attended otherwise, particularly the craft vendors in the basement of the building. Chair corral was unnecessary. Year to date: all events have been successful.

### **Next 250<sup>th</sup> Events**

Possibilities:

Abraham Prescott evening at town hall in conjunction with the Historical Society sometime in early November.

Bonfire and video of the year’s events in January around the 8<sup>th</sup>, when we began this year. Bring your Christmas tree.

### **Other**

Monies remaining in the 250<sup>th</sup> account as we close our books could be placed in Parks and Recreation Department raccount earmarked for community use. This could be a good start for “Deerfield Day” funding.

Jack has received many thank you letters and notes from the community which he will bring to the next meeting.

Minutes and other documents, both written and digitized, will be offered to the Historical Society at the end of the year.

We plan to disband our committee soon after the year ends – likely in January. But there will be more opportunities to work together for our hilly little town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones and Jack Hutchinson

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 pm at GBW building