



250th Anniversary Committee

November 16, 2016

Present: Rebecca Hutchinson, Torin Judd, Bernie Cameron, Bonnie Hiesey, Mal Cameron, Tyler Reese, Chuck Reese, Edie Kimball, Jan Clark, Carol Levesque, Cilla Tyler, Tobey Tyler, Fran Menard, Mary Ellen Moran, Don Tordoff, Ernie Robert, Dee Jones, Jack Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Sign in

September minutes approved

Financial Report – Jack

Distributed – our balance is \$12,000.

Anticipated expenses are:

Volker Nahrman	\$400
AMI signs and enlargements	\$210
Posters	\$30
Jan 7 Patriotic Fife and Drum Duo	\$300
Jan 7 other expenses	\$600
Boy Scout and 8 th grade donations (for their services)	\$400
Total	\$1,940

There will likely be others before we close our books after that event – but that should be most of it.

Inventory Report

Distributed. We have sweatshirts and black tees only in large size. Only other tees are youth. We decided to reduce the price of license plate from \$25 to \$15. We still have substantial inventory of all other items (remaining cost of inventory \$3500). Net profit to date on commemorative items is more than \$22,000.

Holiday Fair

Commemorative items will be sold at the DCC Holiday fair Saturday, November 19, 9 -2 pm. Set up will be early AM. Bernie and Rebecca will work 9-12; Carol and Edie will work 12-2. A \$25 donation will be given to the church.

Abraham Prescott event

Joanne Wasson will introduce Volker Nahrman's presentation on Abraham Prescott, Deerfield native, musician/cello maker/ businessman extraordinaire on Sunday, November 20 at 6 pm at Town Hall. Posters were distributed. Forum article has been posted. Bonnie will contact Deb Boisvert about videotaping the event. Commemorative book and historic maps will be available for sale.

Reflections on our work

Volunteers have done a tremendous job making the many events throughout the year very successful. We raised close to \$90,000 for the year's events; remarkable for a town our size! We would like our efforts to be a template for continuing community cooperation and involvement by all the groups and organizations, including town government.

Planning January 7, closing event

We will end as we began with a dinner at Deerfield Community Church followed by ceremonies at town hall. Jack will create a slide show/video of the year's events. He asked that photos/videos be forwarded to him ASAP. Chuck and Tyler will oversee boy scouts collecting Christmas trees and other wood for the bonfire. Fire Department will be involved in bonfire activity as well. Bonnie will ask 8th graders to host serving hot chocolate, hot cider, and cookies at town hall and the committee will provide a donation to their 8th grade Washington trip fund. Rebecca, Bernie, Cilla, and Dee volunteered to discuss and organize details for the evening and report back at the next meeting. Wendy's ice rink is still subject to weather and possibly insurance issues.

Time Capsule

"Historians suggest that the items which describe the daily lives of the people who created them such as personal notes, pictures, and documents, would greatly increase the value of the time capsule to future historians."

We discussed the objects and articles we might want to include in our time capsule that would make it an interesting artifact for future generations. Some things mentioned: menu from Nine Lions and Yanni's Pizza; Myrick's poem, pictures, a license plate, other commemorative items. We will ponder this question and contact groups in town for input. It will be buried at town hall at the front corner behind the ramp and be identified with a granite marker. The hole will be pre-dug due to weather considerations.

Disposition of Balance

We want to continue funding activities that foster community. Dee suggested a gift to the town from the committee such as an outdoor sign in front of town hall where all activities could be posted: coffeehouse, elections, deliberative sessions, spring craft fair, etc. A small plaque on the sign would indicate the giver and the date. A lively discussion ensued with other locations being suggested. The historical society is considering a painted sign for town hall and will meet 9 am Monday with the sign maker. Don Tordoff will attend this meeting for some research as to placement and other issues. We would need approval from the selectmen for any sign.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 14