

DRAFT MINUTES HAMPTON FALLS TRICENTENNIAL MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING ON THE WARRANT/BUDGET

November 29, 2016

Meeting Called to Order by Ann at 1:15

Present: Ann Haggart, Norma Merrill, Betsy Dexter, David French, Todd Wagner, Angelo Montrone.

Absent: Judy Haskell

Betsy assigned as voting member until Dale arrives. Dales arrived at 1:30.

**Thoughts on Public Hearing:**

David felt that we got the selectman to say that they would be in support of warrant. Betsy felt that Angelo, David and Ann did a great job being persistent. Angelo feels like we can get town to approve warrant. Ann was pleased with the turnout. She also felt that the selectman don't "own" the tricentennial. Ann suggested that our "awareness" should be focused on the costs of tricentennial events.

**Discussion:**

Dale suggested that many folks think that Tricentennial is a single event. Betsy suggested that we need to change wording to "year long celebration". Ann questioned group as to whether we should be moving forward. Angelo suggested one "blow-out" event between now and March with Facebook boosts to increase awareness in prep for warrant vote. He offered to take on social media blitz. Todd suggested an email blast to the town and could get the town email list. Discussion about winter carnival. Todd offered his pond, other ideas included bonfire, raffle to light bonfire, vendors, races, etc. Discussion about whether to move forward with merchandise to spread awareness. Mark Lane has volunteered to take this on with Angelo. Todd suggested holding off on merchandise since it will be winter and would be more effective in spring/summer. Angelo suggested that Mark do a mock-up for winter carnival.

**Warrant Discussion:**

Discussion re: multiple warrants vs one warrant. Ann is afraid that if we do one warrant, we may end up with nothing. David stated that selectman are unanimously behind one \$20,000 warrant. Motion made by Todd to have one warrant article. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angelo. David, Angelo, Todd and Dale voted in favor of one warrant article. Ann voted against one warrant article. David moved to revisit, no 2<sup>nd</sup> to revisit. Decision made to submit one warrant article for \$20,000.

Ann recommended that we eliminate/change line items from current budget. Discussion ensued to change line items to:

Web costs: \$200.00  
Update town history: \$7,000  
Mailings: \$2200  
Food: \$700  
Matching Grants: \$4,000  
Merch: \$2000  
Pewter Ornament: \$2500  
Original Play: \$3000

In Reserve:  
Time Capsule: \$1000  
Marching Bands: \$1000  
Banners/Flags: \$1000

Total: \$24,600

Motion by Ann to reduce budget, as above. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. All in favor. Dale left meeting at 2:30. Betsy became voting member.

Angelo read wording suggested for warrant. Discussion. Motion by David to vote on wording as:

The town requires the setting aside of public funds to begin planning your year long celebration of events in 2022. These events require years of advance planning which cannot begin until funds are secured. A delay in securing funding this year could jeopardize or eliminate aspects of the celebration.

2<sup>nd</sup> by David. All in favor. Todd & Betsy left meeting at 3 pm. Meeting minutes continued by Norma.

Skating Rink at Applecrest: Todd will plow, needs to be maintained by someone else. Interest seems to be high. Angelo will contact Kathy Canady to possibly spearhead.

Discussion on fundraising committee. Ann feels we need as many people as possible. Perhaps notifying entire volunteer list to see who might be interested. Angelo will lead. Need for leaders for other things as well.

Next meeting 3:15 on 12.6.2016  
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm