

250th Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes March 9, 2015

Attending: Scott Bugbee, Marian Kelsey, Penny Stetson, Pat Jenkins, Annamarie Gasowski, Laura Gund, Mary Woodward and Brian Seeley

Meeting began at 10:40 am.

Brian Seeley ran down the meeting notes from January 12th and the committee will approve both January and March meeting notes at the April meeting.

Laura Gund noted that she believes that Laurie Weisz has the 50 shirts for pre-sale ready to go.

Laura had the updated logos from Amy Daskal and the group checked and decided on a final logo, with the two stone wall versions not chosen. The lettering still needs to be changed to that of the sign in the town triangle and Laura will ask Amy if she can alter it again before the busy greenhouse season commences.

Once the final logo is done, the committee can move forward with the ordering of hats, shirts, and banners.

Laura noted that Laurie W. will be at the April meeting. Penny Stetson asked about shirt colors and Annie Gasowski reminded the group that a green shirt with black letters was the initial choice.

Pat Jenkins provided a post-deliberative session budget update. \$5,000 went back into the budget with the suggestion that it go to the Heritage Commission. If not, it would have no budget at all. So, the \$5,000 went to the Heritage Commission. (with a total amount available to the 250th Committee of \$15,000.) Scott Bugbee noted that the amount would default to \$3,000 if the new operating budget does not pass in the upcoming town election.

Annie noted that the parade coverage, at the current fees, for 2 police officers and 2 cruisers for 4 hours would be \$524.32.

Brian noted that there needs to be more help on the parade if it is going to succeed. Mary Woodward again volunteered to work on the forms with the state.

The group agreed that when the logo is finished that it should be emailed to Clara Kustra and Jan Allen.

With Clara planning to be away in the late fall and winter of 2015-16, she suggested by email that the committee will need a replacement chairperson. Upon group discussion, it was unanimously decided that Jan Allen be that person, if she accepts, upon her return from vacation.

Annie showed the group banner materials from AMI Graphics in Strafford. Laura noted that Robin Estees said that town license plates are expected to be for sale in April. Banners should be a colored background with white lettering and be two-sided and vertical. Scott asked where we could get the hangers and who would hang them. Annie noted that AMI Graphics would supply the hangers and Highway Supervisor Randy Stevens suggested that perhaps Orion Tree Service could be contacted to hang them. There was discussion about where they should be located and this will continue to be

researched. Mary reminded that some would also be with the planters and legal distances from the roadway were needed.

Pat stated that when Laurie W. is at the April meeting, she would like to ask about a T-shirt with "How do you say/spell Semiquincentennial?"

Annie showed some coin samples. Laura mentioned buttons and pins from the Agricultural Commission and said possibly some could be done for the 250th celebration.

Marian Kelsey noted that her daughter Barbara had spoken with Dave Ervin from the middle school music department about participation in the parade or during other activities. The Middle School would not be available until after February but the High School would be available after September. Discussion ensued about whether they could play at the Proclamation or possibly a band concert. This will be decided as we get closer. Laura added that she would email Vonnie Weyrick to check on a Barbershop Quartet. Pat noted that Dale Hardy is a member of one also.

In new business, Annie explained that Sharon Meeker has several ideas for the Lamprey River area, including possibly having Wadleigh Falls guided tours of the remains of the leather board factory, the historical house and the cemetery. These could possibly be held after the parade or during the Fishing Derby weekend.

In old business, Don Quigley has asked when he can start at Mast Way with educating the children on the naming of Mast Road, etc.

With 2016 being a big election year, there was a short discussion about whether or not politicians should be allowed in the parade and the committee decided that no they should not!

Laura mentioned the history of Walnut Grove Farm and the fact that an escaped slave had gone there. Also, Cartland House was the only documented slavery safe house in NH. These facts should become part of local education.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 10:30 am at the Public Safety Complex.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Seeley