

250th Committee Meeting Minutes June 8, 2015

Present: J. Allen, S. Bugbee, M. Kelsey, P. Stetson, A. Gasowski, L. Gund, B. Seeley and P. Jenkins (later)

Meeting began at 10:08 am. Jan Allen presented the May 11 meeting notes and they were approved.

The idea of a sculpture has not been presented to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) yet, but will be done this evening. However, the BOS has accepted the money but just not the sculpture yet.

Laura Gund noted that she had not yet had a chance to contact Foster's Daily Democrat to check on the possibility of a reporter being assigned to cover the 250th, including what the celebration is about and the upcoming events.

Jan stated that Gwen Rice and the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) have volunteered and would like to do the publicity for the 250th. Penny Stetson and Marian Kelsey mentioned that they had hoped to get an event calendar into Foster's. Annie Gasowski made a motion to accept the SAC for publicity, seconded by Brian Seeley.

Annie presented the latest information on Banners. She will give a situation update to the BOS this evening. The committee will need to decide if we definitely want to spend the money (roughly \$1,700 for 12) and will need approval for utility pole usage before the banners could be installed. Other issues are that the dates need to be added to the Logo and it will need to be digitized before the banners could be made. She added that PSNH/Ever Source) has a different pole approval method than NHEC. Discussion then ensued about where the Banners could/should be placed, including 12 locations, (and only 6 if spending were cut back) and Background Colors. Red/White/Blue was mentioned but Jan stated that she felt that was more appropriate for "patriotic" means rather than a 250th Celebration. Annie noted that if the Banners are up for longer than 3 months, it is required that the power companies go out and check each power pole. The Committee agreed upon spending the money for (12) Banners. The Background will be Pine Green with white lettering. Annie will move forward with the ordering and necessary approval paperwork.

The Heritage Commission had mentioned placing flags around town but Jan noted that she thought they should wait on this, given the upcoming Banner hanging.

Annie gave an update on the Lee Library 250th Display, which will stay up until the end of June. She noted that many good responses had already been received about the Logo and T-shirts. Most people want the small logo on the front and the big logo on the back.

Laura gave an update on the Town Logo for the license plate usage. It needs to be a larger version of the logo, closed at the top and with the dates 1766-2016. She will follow up with Amy Daskal.

The Mast Tree Cutting was discussed. Don Quigley has picked out a tree behind the church. The cutting is expected to be done with Mast Way school children participating (from a safe

distance). Once downed, the tree will be hauled out using oxen and historic tools, and placed on display in front of the school.

Jan noted that Clara had developed the Event and Task Planning Calendar to help keep us on track and updated on where we stand with various things.

Scott Bugbee gave an update on Souvenirs, particularly mugs, wine glasses, and coins. From his various contacts, 3 weeks would be the longest it would take to receive an order. He noted that the budget is available to get we want in time for selling at the 250th booth/display at the Lee Fair on September 12. The Committee decided to ask about pricing from 3 companies for: (36) mugs / (72) 10oz/clear wine glasses / (100) wooden nickels / smallest number possible of coins. T-shirts will be finalized at the July meeting, after the library suggestions are reviewed. Laura will get a price on Hats and Bags from Laurie Weisz.

Mary Woodward provided an email update for Lee in Bloom. The bulbs in the planters did not take, so when the time comes, they will be planted in soil in the main garden next to the church. Several master gardeners have volunteered to help. The Mast Way 2nd grade curriculum has been updated for the Lee in Bloom program for next school year. (2) grants have been received. One is for bulbs from the Strafford County Master Gardeners. The other is for bulb/seed planting and children's nature activity books (Cathy Fisher of the Lee Conservation Commission has agreed to help with this), from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

In other business, the Lee Fair Committee has requested that each town committee booth try to have something for children to do, at their respective areas.

Annie noted that the Friends of the Lee Library have asked how they can help with this Semiquincentennial celebration.

There was brief discussion about any possible re-printing of the book "Down the Mast Road" needing family permission first.

There was also brief discussion about the Proclamation on January 16, 2016, including Janet Wall securing it, potential dignitaries (Governor Hassan?/Selectmen), music, food.

Jan again mentioned the possibility of/desire for someone to start our very own "Lee Semiquincentennial Band."

Parade route should be James Farm to Little River Park. Brian will check the distance on this.

Laura spoke with Jennifer Roy from the Newmarket Militia group about possibly having an encampment and marching in the parade. She will ask Jennifer to come to the next meeting to discuss this.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 10:00 am at the Safety Complex.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Seeley

