

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Committee Members Present

Cynthia Burr	William Kane, Sr.	Rebecca Rehm
Carole Chiras	Denise Marlborough	Jamie Rembiszewski
Roger Derosiers	Ronald Marlborough	Christopher Sinacola
Paul DiCicco	Robert Morton	Carol Vulter
Jeffrey Dore	Mary Lou Mulhane	Lynn Winston

Committee Members Absent

David Cofske	Tish Hayes	Paul Raffa
Catherine Elliott	E. Joseph McKeon	Armand White
Frank Gagliardi	Joyce Ostrowski	
Karen Gagliardi	Harold Proodian	

Guests Present

None

Minutes

At 7:15 p.m., Roger Desrosiers opened the meeting with 13 members present.

Roger Desrosiers announced that Carol Vulter will be honored as one of 100 unsung heroines in Massachusetts for her community service. Carol said she will be at the state house on May 18th to be recognized.

Agenda Item I– Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2011 meeting

Motion: Bill Kane moved to approve the corrected minutes, seconded by Paul DiCicco.

Discussion: Roger Desrosiers made updates to those present; date submitted should have been March 29, 2011.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 13-0.

Agenda Item II – Treasurer’s Report

Rob Morton gave an update. We have \$105,000 in the fund, and we’re tracking ahead of budget, which is good. Bill Kane asked if we are on track for where we want to be, and Rob said that we are. Rob expects that capital campaign will continue to track appropriately. He said it will

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be interesting to see how well the golf tournament does as we expect to make \$15,000. We have coin sales to help offset this amount, for which we did not budget earnings. Roger Desrosiers reported that the Executive Committee signed two vouchers for the golf tournament.

Motion: Bill Kane moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Carole Chiras.

Vote: No discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 13-0.

Agenda Item III – Committee Reports

Finance/Fundraising Committee Report

Rob Morton reported from the April 6th meeting that we have \$78,000 for the capital campaign and we'd like to see \$100,000 by June. Tom Lee is designing a three-dimensional fundraising thermometer in the likeness of the former Town Hall with brick. Carol Vultor asked where this would be located; Rob responded that it would be in the small lower Town common.

Commemorative coins are being coordinated by Tom Lee – we have 3 options: bronze set for \$30; silver set for \$40; pure silver coin for \$75. Pam Gober (Tom's wife) designed art to display with the coins at the Bank and other institutions. Rob will send an email to committee chairpersons when the coins are available to the public. We have sold 57 Vaillancourt Santas and have 43 in inventory. We should order now if we want more before Christmas, but we don't have to pay until later. Candy bar sales are going well. There will be a June 5th ice cream social at Scales. There is consensus to skip the pledge drive this year and wait until 2012. There is an October 29th wine tasting and culinary competition. The next meeting will be May 4th.

Lynn Winston and Jeff Dore arrived at 7:32 p.m., making 15 members present.

Media Committee Report

The next meeting will be May 17th at the library. We will skip this update because Paul Raffa is not here.

Events Committee Report

Ron Marlborough reported that they had the hot air balloon festival person attend their last meeting on April 14th and will get a quote from him at their next meeting. This person suggested that you need a whole weekend to do the balloon festival. The 15 balloonists would have to be put up at a hotel, fed, etc. Money paid for rides (\$200 each) would be split 75% to balloonists, 25% to us. Jamie Rembiszewski will be in contact with the balloon festival contact. The ball committee met and are well on their way with no concerns. The parade planning is underway, and they have a draft letter that will go out in the coming weeks. Lynn Winston and Bill Kane met with Paul Levinson about the classical concert. The orchestra would cost \$16,000, and staging and sound would be additional. The event would be on a Saturday at Windle Field with a Sunday rain date. Cyndi Burr said we should have the high school as backup on Sunday in case it rains Saturday and Sunday. Lynn and Bill will meet with the police chief, sound, staging, etc. The next meetings will be on May 19th (Events) and June 9th (Ball).

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History Committee Report:

Carole Chiras said the last meeting was canceled because they did not have a site to meet, but the next meeting will be May 3rd. They are changing their focus from West Millbury to a comprehensive tour of the community. They will have a list of all the sites to visit. There will be a "Memories of Millbury" day this Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the East Millbury fire house and Saturday, May 14th at the Grass Hill School House.

Agenda Item IV – Old Business

Golf Tournament: June 20, 2011 at Blackstone National

Paul DiCicco reported that Joe Coggins is now on the committee. Paul needs help selling hole sponsors for \$150 (has 8 committed so far out of 36); getting commitments for raffle items (needs 40-50); selling teams (have 15-16 committed already). Looking for sports items, larger items (no baskets, \$15 haircuts, small items, etc.). They will sell three raffle tickets for \$10. Paul is requesting that each MBC person contact one person/business to ask for raffle items. Bill Kane suggested getting the letters out as soon as possible so that organizations and businesses have time for approval process. Rob Morton thinks he will get at least 10 hole sponsors. Paul will need two people on each of two par 3 holes and two people in morning signing in - six in total. Two hole in one prizes – Herb Chambers Toyota; golf clubs or vacation for other one; John Deere tractor for other par 3. Roger Desrosiers asked when Paul needs all sponsorship, raffle items, etc. confirmed – would like to have one week before (June 13). Paul needs to bring an \$11,000 invoice to the Town of Millbury for 144 golfers at \$70 each (golf and meal) for Blackstone Valley.

Results from Meat Raffle at St. Charles Hotel on Saturday, March 26th, 2-5pm
Bill Kane reported that we made \$552 (\$552 also to Lions Club).

Discussion with library regarding Millbury memorabilia

Roger Desrosiers reported that the library election happened yesterday. Paul DiCicco reported that Bob Shaw was voted on. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August. Roger and Bill Kane will plan to attend the June 14th meeting, and they asked Paul to add them to the agenda for that meeting.

New clerk: Chris Sinacola; Thanks to Rebecca for her work

This is Rebecca Rehm's last MBC meeting since she and her family are moving. Roger Desrosiers and others thanked Rebecca for her efforts on behalf of the MBC. Rebecca said that it was a pleasure being a part of the Committee. Roger Desrosiers thanked Chris Sinacola for stepping into the role of Clerk.

Motion: Paul DiCicco moved to keep Rebecca Rehm's name on the list of Bicentennial Committee members through the bicentennial, seconded by Lynn Winston.

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Vote: No discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 15-0.

Agenda Item V – New Business

Pawtucket Red Sox Game

Roger Desrosiers said that Pawtucket Red Sox asked if MBC wanted to do something at a game. Bill Kane said that the Lions Club has done gone to a number of games, and it is a nice family atmosphere. Tickets are about \$7 each. Ron Marlborough suggested including the BBQ before the game, which is a highlight. Bill said we would make some money. The Paw Sox season ends the first week in September. Rob Morton suggested that we look at income potential because he is concerned about finding someone to chair this committee. Mary Lou Mulhane reminded us not to have too many events because Sutton's Bicentennial said they thought they had too many events and some things were watered down. Roger said he would get more information and report back at June meeting. It was noted that the Worcester Sharks (ice hockey) and Worcester Tornadoes (baseball) may solicit us as well.

Ultimate reunion: idea for June 21, 2013, weekend of birthday party and parade

Roger Desrosiers distributed a letter inviting two people from each graduating class (or age equivalent) to organize an "ultimate reunion" that they would then design with activities for June 21, 2013. Roger asked for input. Paul diCicco suggested that each class year is represented in the parade in order. Roger said we should use social media for the most recent classes, putting ads of a condensed version of this letter in the newspaper, have a flyer at the town meeting that could be sent out. Roger suggested we try to get a sense of the potential interest in this by the end of June, then create a steering committee of 12-15 people to make this work. Bill Kane suggested that we condense the letter for the first round of solicitations. Chris Sinacola suggested that we plan one dinner on Friday night for the reunion and said that we don't need to have chairs for each year, that people will just attend all the events that are already planned and come up with other activities on the fly. People expressed concerns about having events on Friday through Sunday for people who are traveling and can't attend events on both ends of the weekend. Rob Morton suggested that we send this to the Events committee for discussion. Roger checked with the High School and they don't have any information for classes before 1994.

Motion: Rob Morton moved to move forward on the ultimate reunion idea, seconded by Lynn Winston.

Vote: No discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 15-0.

Request to solidify volunteer lists by identifying needs: initial summary by next meeting

Roger Desrosiers and Bill Kane said that they have asked the Committee chairs to come up with lists of specific things that need to be done and that the committee chairs should present this to the committee volunteers and ask them to sign up for these things.

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Motion: Lynn Winston moved that the committee chairs should come back to the June 15th MBC meeting with a list of specific things that need to be done, seconded by Rob Morton.

Discussion: Bill Kane wants to have this list before the next Events Committee meeting, May 19th.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 15-0.

Lions Club letter and request

Bill Kane said he and Ron Marlborough put together a financial proposal for the Lion's Club to ask them for a \$20,000 donation for the fireworks and give them specific things in return, which are the equivalent of what we would spend if we were doing these events on our own, including police, banners, fencing, advertising, communications, etc. The Lion's Club will give us a check for \$20,000 (Rob Morton said this would be a "restricted donation"), and we will use that to pay the expenses (about \$15,000).

Motion: Denise Marlborough moved to support sending the letter to the Lions Club, seconded by Chris Sinacola.

Vote: No discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 15-0.

Agenda Item VI - Other

Rob Morton requested help in selling raffle tickets for the #1 Millbury Vaillancourt Folk Art Santa.

[Aside: Chris Sinacola kills a fly that's bothering Lynn Winston.]

Roger Desrosiers said there is a Town meeting June 7th and asked if there is an interest in the MBC being there again. We can only have a presence in the lobby. Roger or Bill Kane will send out a email and ask four to five people to sign up.

Motion: Jeff Dore moved to have MBC members be present at the June 7th Town meeting, seconded by Bill Kane.

Vote: No discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Motion approved 15-0.

Mary Lou Mulhane reported that the proceeds from the Millbury Women's Club annual wine tasting were donated to the MBC and that a member of the MBC will be invited to come to next meeting.

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Agenda Item VII – Next meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 pm at Asa Waters Mansion

Agenda Item VIII – Adjournment

Motion: Roger Desrosiers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Marlborough.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed 15-0.

Submitted by
Rebecca Rehm
April 29, 2011