

# TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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## Bicentennial Committee

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011

**Time:** 7:06 p.m.

**Location:** Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

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### Attendees

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#### Members resent

Carole Chiras  
William Kane Sr.                      Paul Raffa , 7:40  
Roger Desrosiers  
Ronald Marlborough  
Chris Sinacola  
Robert Morton  
Jeff Dore  
Paul DiCicco  
Annie Gasco (new)  
Mary Lou Mulhane, 7:21

#### Committee Members Absent

Cynthia Burr  
Karen Gagliardi  
Carol Vulter  
Armand White  
Lynn Winston  
David Cofske  
Denise Marlborough  
E. Joseph McKeon  
Frank Gagliardi  
Catherine Elliott  
Tish Hayes  
Harold Proodian  
Karen Gagliardi  
Joyce Ostrowski

#### Guests Presents

Will Tremblay

**Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.**

### **Discussion with Westborough Committee Chorus**

Bill Kane suggested committee change agenda to accommodate a discussion with Will Tremblay regarding the Westborough Community Chorus. Will is treasurer of the WCC, and thought that MBC might be interested in having the chorus do a performance at some point during the Millbury celebration. He explained that the WCC is a 100-member chorus that does all its own music, staging, choreography, and normally gives two performances annually, with proceeds supporting music scholarships for youth in the town of Westboro. Will said the WCC normally charges \$9 for children, \$12 for adults. If the MBC is interested in having the WCC perform, MBC should send a letter of interest. Will will send contact information to Rob Morton via email. The committee thanked him for his interest and attendance.

### **Minutes**

On page 3 of the April 27 minutes, change “39” to “3.” Motion by Jeff Dore, seconded by Annie Gasco to approve minutes, so voted unanimously.

### **Updates on donations/reimbursements:**

Millbury Lion’s Club agreed to \$20,000 donation, “gold” level.

Millbury Woman’s Club donated \$2,500.

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Fundraising committee**

- Rob reports that the capital fundraising campaign has met its goal, and has raised \$201,000.
- Bill said that pole brackets will go up before the Fourth of July, and that the MBC banners will go up shortly after July 4, once the town flags come down. The banner advertising will be conducted in coordination with the unveiling of the fundraising thermometer, planned tentatively for the second week of July. Insurance and liability issues have been resolved.
- Rob said that because the fundraising committee feels that the MBC may fall short on a few of the events that are planned, it has been decided to go to the public with another fundraising campaign, distinct from the capital fundraising campaign. Program to be developed over the next few months.
- The demand for the commemorative coin sets has been strong, particularly for the pure silver coin. Another 30 pure silver coins will be ordered. The balance in the coin account is a net of \$727.71. When the entire coin project is done, the committee expects to net \$5,000 or so. Motion to purchase an additional 50 coins as detailed in the agenda by Ron Marlborough, seconded by Mary Lou, unanimously approved.
- Requesting approvals for wine tasting event, budgeting \$1,000, and requesting \$100 for psychic reading event. Paul DiCicco motion, seconded by Ron Marlborough, unanimously approved.

- Bill said clothing sales are flat, nothing to report at this time.
- Paul DiCicco said that the golf tournament is not going as well as he had hoped, but will nonetheless be a successful fundraiser. Hole sponsorship sales are going well, about \$3,000. The bulk of the expense for the sponsorship signs, about \$600, is now paid, and sponsors will be allowed to keep their sponsorship signs for one year. About \$2,500 worth of raffle items have been donated thus far. The tournament needs further teams, because they have had seven cancellations in the last 10 days. Only 50 to 60 people will attend the tournament. In total, Paul said, about \$4,500 in checks has been given to Joyce, and he expects the tournament will raise between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Next year, he said, he thinks the tournament should be held not on a Monday, but on a Sunday morning. He said he made a few mistakes in the organization, but mostly is disappointed that some folks who were going to commit did not follow through. Paul and committee members discussed the tactical details of the tournament.
- Roger reported that candy sales are doing very well, and that he has instructed Karen Gagliardi to go ahead with another order of candy for the upcoming fireman's muster.
- Roger said the ice cream social went ahead, despite a mixup, but the MBC did split the proceeds, making a bit under \$500 on that event.

### **Media committee**

- Paul Raffa said that he has posted photos of coins on the website; next media committee is next week, June 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Millbury Public Library.
- Roger said that it is crucial that the information on the website be updated regularly. Paul said Karen Gagliardi had brought two high school students in to work on the website, but it turned out that they were not able to actually do the work, as they lacked the skills. Bill asked how difficult it is to post material on the website, and Paul said that while it is not that difficult, it is a live site, and making an error can take considerable time to correct.

### **Events committee**

- Ron reports that a meeting will be held on June 23, the classical concert has been confirmed, some bands are responding to the invitations to participate in the MBC parade. There are approximately 325 tickets available for public sale for the MBC , Bicentennial Ball, with 75 or so reserved for capital campaign donors and their guests – some of those tickets may eventually become available for public sale.
- Paul Raffa will meet with the organizer for the Revolutionary era re-enactment event, and others, at Joe Barbato's home, 514 Central Turnpike, Sutton, to discuss the details, permits and other necessary work for getting that event properly organized.
- Ron said the balloon meister will be at the June 23 events committee meeting.

### **History committee**

- Carole Chiras. Tornado warnings and bad weather cut short the June 1 historical tour of town. Eleven attendees completed about one-third of the tour before the threat of weather forced the group to retreat. The remainder of the tour will be completed on August 3.
- Chris Sinacola reported that he has been in contact with Arcadia Publishing, and editor Lissie Cain, who is in charge of New England acquisitions. He has an author's

application for the Millbury photo book project, and will soon complete and submit that, electronically if possible. Chris has reviewed the required specifications for scanning photos, and has the hardware and software necessary to capture all images once the project is greenlit. He will provide a copy of the author's application once it is complete and approved by Arcadia. No funds will be required for the work.

**Other business:**

- Paul said that MBC was on the Millbury Board of Library Trustees agenda for June 14, but as no one was available from MBC, the item was tabled.
- Bill reminded committee members to work on their volunteer lists, and define what the tasks are, and what specific tasks volunteers may be willing to undertake.
- Roger said that MBC had a display at town meeting, and there was some visibility and awareness. He attended, and Jeff Dore was at the meeting in
- Firemen's muster is August 27. Details and volunteers will be given and taken at the MBC meeting of August 17, at Asa Waters Mansion.

Several committee members being Bruins fans, there was a motion to adjourn by Bill Kane, seconded by Carole Chiras, unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8 p.m. so all could watch the Bruins win the Stanley Cup.

Submitted by  
Chris Sinacola  
June 20, 2011