

# TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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## Bicentennial Committee

**Date:** Wednesday, August 1, 2012

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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

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### Attendees

Roger Desrosiers	Catherine Elliott	Chris Sinacola
Annie Gasco	Denise Marlborough	Cyndi Burr
Carol Vulter	Jeff Dore	Jamie Rembiszewski
Joyce Ostrowski	Lynn Winston	Paul Raffa
William Kane	Ron Marlborough	

### Members absent:

Frank Gagliardi	Dave Cofske	Mary Lou Mulhane
Carole Chiras	Paul DiCicco	Peg Spang
Rob Morton	Joe McKeon	Karen Gagliardi

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### Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### 1. Minutes

Minutes of the July 11 meeting were reviewed.

#### 2. Treasurer's report.

None at this time.

#### 3. Updates.

Roger reminded any members who have not already done so to again sign the annual roster for the committee. Roger said that one of the meeting dates, Wednesday, January 2, might be problematic for some because of its proximity to New Year's, and asked them to think about it. He said he would likely reserve meeting dates through the end of 2013, although the celebration will be over by midyear. There will likely be some business to be done after the formal celebrations have been ended, and meetings can be cancelled if necessary.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### Finance/Fundraising committee.

Rob Morton is on vacation. His committee is meeting next week. Discussion of giveaway items can be postponed pending Peg Spang's arrival. Ten copies of the Centennial History have been ordered.

##### Media committee.

Paul Raffa is working on promotional materials for the Revolutionary War re-enactment, tending to Facebook page, calendar events.

#### **Events committee.**

Roger gave update on Revolutionary War re-enactment. Meeting was held in July. More than 200 re-enactors have registered, and about 300 to 350 are expected to attend. Organizers believe that is a good number for the available space. Since that meeting, additional registrants have come on board. One remaining issue is the condition of Backstrad Road, and how much work to do to bring the road to a condition that can accommodate the event. Other details are coming together well.

Cyndi reports she has identified a chairman for a planned film festival, and has done quite a bit of networking and brainstorming toward a local film festival that could be held at the Elm Draught House Cinema.

Roger said the Ball Committee did not meet, but will meet August 9. There was a discussion of inviting dignitaries. Annie checked with the State Ethics Commission and was assured that guests can be invited and there is no ethical issue, because any invitees/attendees would be considered guests. She noted there is strong disagreement at this point about how many dignitaries can/should be permitted to speak at the Bicentennial Ball (or other events).

Annie noted how much positive feedback she has heard about the June 16 concert and fireworks. People had a wonderful time, and the crowd left no trash behind, demonstrating that this was a wonderful community event. Roger reiterated the committee's appreciation to Lynn and Bill for their leadership and hard work organizing the event.

#### **History committee.**

Roger reported that the July 14 history tour of West Millbury went off flawlessly, with about two dozen attendees. Two vans did the tour. The signs are up at four locations in West Millbury. Thanks to Carole, Frank and others who helped organize the tour and acted as guides. Jeri Stead had a collation at the First Congregational Church in Bramanville. Tours will be held monthly through November and resume in March. Roger said that a short item should be placed in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle. Paul agreed to place that item.

Chris reported that he has received the page proofs for "Images of America: Millbury," which is a 130-page PDF file that must be proofread and any correction returned to the publisher by August 8.

Roger has been meeting with school principals over the summer about planning a local history curriculum for the schools, and that effort has been going very well. The principals are very supportive. An end-of-August meeting with all the principals and others involved is being planned, with the hope of generating interest throughout the schools.

### **5. Old Business**

Roger said the 1913 events program has been reviewed, and the feeling is that everything that was touched upon then is being addressed now in some fashion, with possible exception of track-and-field events, which topic has been broached with the schools. There is interest in having an ecumenical religious service linked to the bicentennial.

Bumper stickers and other promotional items

### **6. New Business**

Jeff attended a meeting of the Firemen's Muster Committee. The chair of that committee felt that the muster was no longer truly a part of the bicentennial celebration. Jeff assured him

that it was a joint venture and part of the bicentennial celebration. Jeff recommended that a letter from the MBC chairmen should be sent to the muster organizers assuring them that it is indeed a part of the bicentennial celebration. Roger felt perhaps the MBC should have been more proactive following the cancellation of the balloon festival to work more closely with the organizers of the muster. There was a discussion of what level of participation and visibility MBC should have at this event, slated for Saturday, August 25. Roger will work on a letter.

Bill agreed that there is no point in arguing with the muster organizers, and that MBC will have a presence as planned. A safety meeting will be held on Aug. 23, giving both parties an opportunity to discuss the matter if desired.

Chris reported that he and his wife found an original 1913 Millbury Centennial pennant at an antique store in Gloucester, priced at \$36. He took a photo, which he showed to the committee members. They were extremely enthusiastic about obtaining it as soon as possible.

A quorum (14) was established at 8 p.m., enabling any votes to proceed.

Bill moved that the MBC purchase the banner at a cost not to exceed \$100, seconded by Lynn, unanimously approved. Chris will contact the store ASAP and

Roger noted that he has continued discussion with Millbury, Ohio folks about possible participation in the upcoming celebrations.

Cyndi moved to accept minutes of July 11 meeting, seconded by Denise. Unanimously approved.

7. Next meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

8. Adjournment. Moved by Joyce, seconded by Jeff, unanimously approved.

Submitted by  
Chris Sinacola  
August 2, 2012