

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Committee Members Present

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| Cynthia Burr | William Kane, Sr. | Mary Lou Mulhane |
| Roger Desrosiers | Denise Marlborough | Joyce Ostrowski |
| Jeffrey Dore | Ron Marlborough | Peg Spang |
| Frank Gagliardi | E. Joseph McKeon | Armand White |
| Anne Gasco | Robert Morton | |

Committee Members Absent

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| Carole Chiras | Catherine Elliott | Jamie Rembiszewski |
| David Cofske | Karen Gagliardi | Chris Sinacola |
| Paul DiCicco | Paul Raffa | Carol Vulter |

(Not sworn in yet: Ron Marlborough, Lynn Winston)

Minutes

Chairman Kane opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with 14 people present including 12 members.

Chairman Desrosiers advised that as a town appointed board, we have to reorganize each fiscal year per the Town Clerk's Office.

Roger asked that anyone who has received an appointment or a reappointment letter needs to be sworn in at the Town Clerk's office. The Town Manager received a letter of resignation from Harold Proodian; Tish Hayes did not accept a reappointment. We will be at 24 members when everyone gets sworn in.

Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2011 meeting

Motion made by Jeff Dore, seconded by Frank Gagliardi to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- During the Executive Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m., a voucher for \$1609.18 payable to Northwest Territorial Mint LLC for additional commemorative coins was approved and signed.
- Joyce reported that the fund balance is currently \$137,113.44.
- Rob Morton stated that we are on track to raise the total amount as originally projected.

Motion made by Cyndi Burr, seconded by Jeff Dore to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Committee Reports

Finance/Fundraising Committee Report:

- Thermometer: Tom Lee did a phenomenal job; Joyce to send thank you notes to Tom Lee and Keating Landscaping; a thank you was already sent to Dorenzo Towing
 - Telephone Banners: thank you to Bill Kane who coordinated the banners; there is a manufacturing issue which Bill is working on with Sign-A-Rama; someone will contact Warren Gardner to see if he will take the banners down when he puts the Christmas wreaths up
 - Banners: Frank Gagliardi asked how a business qualifies for a banner; Rob Morton explained that this was part of the Capital Campaign (CapCam)
 - Wine Tasting: Armand White stated that each entrant in the food competition needs to get a permit from the Board of Health; no fee if they are donating services
 - Community/Business Pledge Campaign: Roger said the banners and unveiling of the thermometer got people talking; give contact information to Rob if you know of a business which wants to be included in new campaign; Roger said concerned about Rob having invested so much time into the CapCam and if others could take charge to get this done as we need to reach out to over 100 businesses. This is different from the CapCam; will receive goodwill gesture (“trinket”) for these one time donations. Bill praised Rob Morton for his efforts.
- Motion** made by Armand White, seconded by Anne Gasco to authorize \$750 in postage for the Community/Business Pledge Campaign. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Media Committee Report (presented by Roger):

- Paul trying to update website, it needs maintenance
- Paul also working on War Reenactment. Need about 150 acres; could be 800-1000 re-enactors. Bill said we need to finalize logistics, need to be able to manage it even if 500-600 present. Working on realistic and acceptable budget and confident that it can be done. Rob said we need to make some tough decisions; we need to have the discipline to maintain budget; we want money spent responsibly and maintain our \$300,000 budget. Bill said it needs to be realistic, defined and concrete; a committee can't come back and say they need additional money. Rob advised that at the September meeting we will review the original budget.
- Discussion on naming new bridge – “Bicentennial Bridge”, Jeff Dore made a **motion** to approach Board of Selectmen in naming the new bridge, seconded by Frank Gagliardi, Motion carried unanimously

Events Committee Report:

- Classical concert: still working on staging, sound and lighting
- Ball Committee: limit to 450 people, negotiating contract with Pepper's as caterer, consideration of photography contracted out, continuing to investigate regarding a band, decorations will be Millbury's colors – maroon and gold
- Parade: coming together slowly, have discussed possibility with Shriners, need to wait until January.
- Balloon Festival: subcommittee will meet with Mario DeStefano.
- Birthday Party: continuing to look at events and locations for the party

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History Committee Report: (Frank Gagliardi reported)

- Looking to schedule another discovery day (so far 3 have been held)
- Nothing new regarding artifacts, focus will be on creating a history tour in the spring of 2013 and early summer of 2013
- Arcadia book: working on time frame, Roger spoke with Arcadia, they are looking for a spring of 2012 for submission of book and for fall of 2012 for publication. Discussion relating to royalty distribution. Defer to fundraising committee for discussion
- Graveyard walk through Central Cemetery: schedule for Saturday, October 27, 2012 (rain date, Sunday, October 28th)
- Use cabinets at the Town Hall for memorabilia.

Old Business

-Millbury Firemen's Field Day 8/27/ 2011: MBC volunteers will man booth, Cheryl Storer from the Fundraising Committee will bring clothing and promotional items to the event.

-Psychic Reading Show at Elm 9/15/2011: continue to promote the event

-Ultimate Reunion: motion by Rob Morton and seconded by Bill Kane to promote the letter to see interest in this event

-Volunteer lists: Reminded all the committees to update their lists and to configure the different tasks needed for each event.

New Business

-Revolutionary War Reenactment: There will be another organizational meeting with the MBC and with reenactors on August 24, 2011. Date of October 20 – 21, 2012 is the confirmed date for the event.

-Millbury Women's Club: Bill Kane will go to their September 12th meeting to discuss MBC events and thank them for their very generous gift for the bicentennial.

-Block Party: MBC will get a spot as we have the past two years. Cyndi Burr will contact the Millbury Federated Church.

-Military flyover: There is a possibility that we might be able to have a military flyover for our celebration. Discussion to follow regarding when would be best. Tabled to the next meeting

-Volunteer meeting for upcoming events: Brief discussion about bringing volunteers together to discuss upcoming events and tasks. Time frame was a concern. Tabled to a future meeting.

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Next meeting: Wednesday September 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion

Adjournment

Motion made by Jeff Dore, seconded by Rob Morton to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Ostrowski, Treasurer