

TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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Bicentennial Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury

Attendees

Cynthia Burr	William Kane, Sr.	Jamie Rembiszewski
Carole Chiras	Denise Marlborough	Chris Sinacola
David Cofske	Ron Marlborough	Peg Spang
Roger Derosiers	E. Joseph McKeon	Paul DiCicco
Jeffrey Dore	Robert Morton	
Catherine Elliott	Mary Lou Mulhane	
Frank Gagliardi	Joyce Sampson	

Committee Members Absent

Karen Gagliardi
Paul Raffa
Carol Vulter
Lynn Winston
Annie Gasco

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Bill moved approval, second by Carole. Roger noted two changes: "high school band and chorus" on page 2 should read "high school band and Blackstone Valley Chamber Chorus," to make clear that the chorus is not from the high school; and that "Tours will resume in April." Should read "Tours will resume in March." Changes unanimously adopted and minutes approved as amended without further discussion.

Treasurer's report

Joyce noted that the MBC budget stands at \$154,008.39, not including the anticipated estimated \$10,000 from the recent block party event on Main Street. Rob noted that in addition to other fundraising totals expected through the end of 2012, the MBC will be where it needs to be at the end of the year, on target and able to adequately fund the events planned for the balance of the year. Rob noted that the budgeted amount for all expenditures is targeted to be \$300,000, which figure includes \$31,000 for a legacy project or item to be determined. Roger noted that there is a good possibility that MBC will be able, at the end of the celebration, to repay the \$5,000 seed money provided by the town.

Finance/Fundraising committee

Rob said tickets for the wine tasting are now on sale and encouraged members to attend. Mailing has gone to all property owners noting Revolutionary War event.

Rob encouraged committee members to take Vaillancourt Santa figurines and pledge to sell them between now and January. Price is \$150.

Vote on 28 additional wooden "Millbury" signs, for \$224. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Frank, unanimously approved without discussion.

Rob recommended that price of etched glasses would be \$10, or four for \$35, and that the Asa Waters ornament would be \$10 each. Motion by Denise, second by Joe, unanimously approved without discussion.

For information purposes, Rob said that there was a meeting with Mary Hollingsworth, who is creating three original watercolors that show portions of historic buildings, so that something – postcards, prints, etc. – might be created for sale.

Paul and Dave are working on one more golf tournament, to be held in May 2013, with goal of raising between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Roger said that signage for entry points to the town is being worked on to promote the bicentennial.

Events committee

Next meeting Oct. 10. Planning for ball, parade, etc., going well. Catherine said that President James Madison will attend the Millbury birthday party, and the interpreter's fee will be paid for by the Friends of the Asa Waters Mansion.

Ron said the committee is trying to get the Vietnam Moving Wall exhibit in town for the culmination of the bicentennial event. Committee members noted that two Millbury men, Donald Young and Frank Bengtson, are memorialized on the wall.

Cindy said the sock hop event is coming up next weekend and that tickets, themselves a collectible item, are now on sale for \$10 each, available at Ray's True Value and from committee members. The Millbury Improvement Initiative expects that the sock hop event will be self-funding and need no money from the MBC.

Film festival organization is under way, with next meeting Thursday, October 4 at the Ice Cream Barn parlor on Canal Street.

Bill said that meeting was held Monday night for volunteers for the Revolutionary War event, coordinated by Jeff at dorej@verizon.net and Lynn, at thewinstons@verizon.net.

Bill explained some details of the re-enactment logistics, and said that many volunteers are needed. There will be assigned parking for MBC volunteers and handicapped visitors, across from Pearson's Dairy. Volunteers will have lanyards, t-shirts and reflective vests. Portable toilets will be located at each parking lot.

On Thursday, Friday and Friday night volunteers are needed for signage and logistics. Fencing has to be put up on Thursday before dark, and signage on Friday. Twenty Scouts will be helping. Re-enactors will be arriving Friday evening, and some adults are needed for registration and getting the re-enactors to their campsites. There are five 22-passenger buses, and the St. Brigid parish bus designated for handicapped visitors.

Jeff said that ambulance personnel will be on scene. Roger said the initial phase of improvements to Backstrad Road has been completed. Bill said MBC is hosting pig roast at Stowe Farm on Saturday night, Oct. 21. All volunteers and Scouts are invited. Promotional posters are available for distribution.

History committee

Frank reported on cemetery walk being put on by the Millbury Historical Society. There is one tour at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 28 same time) at Central Cemetery, in shifts leaving every 15 minutes. Tour is free and open to the public, and lasts about one hour. Last tour is scheduled to leave at 7:30 p.m. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. The guides will lead visitors around the cemetery, stopping at eight gravesites, and costumed interpreters will tell their life stories. Parking available in lot at corner of Waters and West streets across from the mill.

Carole said meeting slated for Oct. 10 was cancelled in light of volunteer work for Oct. 20-21. History tour of West Millbury is booked for November. Next history committee meeting is Nov. 14. People are booking for the tours in March 2013 and subsequent months.

Carole noted that the Arcadia book "Images of America: Millbury" has been published. Committee considered invoice in the amount of \$4,947.75 to Arcadia Publishing for 500 copies. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Carol, unanimously approved without discussion.

There was a discussion of marketing and sales efforts for the book, and general agreement that the MBC should hold a book signing event as soon as practically possible, and encourage town residents and others to purchase copies through the committee. Chris will provide a list of dates he is available for a signing, and that information can be compared with available dates at Asa Waters Mansion in order to set up a time.

Old business

Roger said there is interest in an ecumenical service, and discussions are ongoing. A service might be held in the winter, or perhaps in the spring/summer with a picnic.

Roger spoke with the mayor of Millbury, Ohio, and the Ohioans are excited, and delighted that we thought of them, and will at the least issue a proclamation honoring Millbury, Massachusetts' date of incorporation. Other ideas are welcome. Millbury, Ohio, incorporated September 10, 1874 – Roger noted - has about 1,200 residents.

New business

Peg said there will be water bottles and shopping bags with logos available for giveaway items at the Revolutionary War re-enactment.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at Asa Waters Mansion.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Joyce, seconded by Joe, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by
Chris Sinacola
October 4, 2012