

# TOWN OF MILLBURY MINUTES

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## Bicentennial Committee – Executive Committee

**Date:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011

**Time:** 6:15 p.m.

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

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### Attendees

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#### Executive Committee Members Present

Carole Chiras

Paul Raffa

William Kane, Sr.

Ron Marlborough

Chris Sinacola (secretary)

#### Executive Committee Members Absent

Roger Desrosiers

Rob Morton

Joyce Ostrowski

Rebecca Rehm (non voting)

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### Minutes

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Bill Kane called meeting to order at 6:25 p.m., a quorum of members being present, as listed above. Paul Raffa motion, Carole Chiras second to accept minutes of February 9, 2011 meeting. Unanimously approved.

#### Treasurer's report & Finance report

Bill reviewed balances, including \$18,840 in total donations. Subtracting various expenses, he noted that there is \$88,333.08 in cash as the MBC total as of this date, March 23, 2011.

MBC Glass Bead Fundraiser. MBC will lay out \$120 for purchase of 12 beads for joint fundraiser with Millbury schools. Carole motion, Paul second, no discussion, unanimously approved, expenditure of \$120.

Seeking approval of purchase of 10 coins at \$46 each, approximately, i.e. up to approximately \$500 for the purchase of 10 coins. Motion by Paul, second by Carole Chiras, for up to \$500 for purchase of coins, no discussion, unanimously approved. The coins will be sold at retail for \$75 each.

Seeking approval of budget for the Millbury birthday party. Events Committee has approved the budget for this. \$2,000 will be transferred from the legacy budget to the budget for this event. Motion needed to adjust the birthday party budget, and to then accept the larger budget amount at \$5,000. Ron motion, Paul second, no discussion, unanimously approved. Paul Raffa signed.

Carole sought clarification on an item for the birthday party, the historical display line item for \$5,000. This is money budgeted in hopes that some kind of historical display at the Millbury Public Library can still be worked out with the library trustees. Bill said plans are to wait until after the annual town elections before resuming discussions on this matter.

Bill noted that the annual wine tasting fundraiser will be held this year on October 29, rather than Nov. 19 as originally planned. So noted by the committee.

### **Media Committee**

Paul held a subcommittee meeting at the library on Tuesday, March 22, and reports that some previous volunteers have bowed out, but a few Millbury High School students have expressed interest. He will work with the students to see whether they have the skills and ability to help out with the website and other work that needs to be done, including updating the events calendar on the site. Paul has asked other committee and subcommittee chairs to send him dates of their meetings and other events in email form.

Paul will continue to hold media committee meetings. Notes that those who are helping out are generally unable to attend the meetings, while those who do attend may not have the necessary skills, or may not understand what they are getting into. But he will continue to look for volunteers and work with those who are interested.

Bill asked about the status of historical articles. Chris mentioned he will try again to obtain permission to use Millbury-related archived articles that have been published in the Telegram & Gazette. Bill will ask for permission to use the history of St. Brigid Parish in Millbury on our website.

Paul said he will continue to do a quarterly newsletter.

### **Events Committee**

Ron reported 10 people attended the March 10 Events Committee meeting. Town Manager Bob Spain would have preferred the MBC fireworks program not be conducted on July 4, but acceded to it. Denise Marlborough volunteered to be the lead on booking the bands for the parade. Bill and Ron attended Worcester's St. Patrick's Day parade and got some useful contacts for bands, including the Shriners.

Approved \$5,000 for the birthday party; update was received on the bicentennial ball; as to the Revolutionary War re-enactment event planned for West Millbury, current indications are that there may be difficulty getting sufficient numbers of re-enactors. Paul said that plans may have to be scaled down a bit.

Bill said that he and Lynne Winston will meet March 25 with Worcester County Band to finalize plans for that performance event.

Ron said next Events Committee meeting will be on April 14.

### **History Committee**

Carole presented a flyer being sent out March 25 to alert the community to two "memory days" being held on April 30 at the Millbury Fire Station and on May 14 at the Grass Hill School in West Millbury.

Carole and Bill discussed the need to ask sub-committee members who are nominally members of committees to step forward or make clear if they are not interested, because events are being planned, commitments are needed, as events will require much work and lots of volunteers.

Carole said current effort is to coordinate historical and current house sites in West Millbury.

A meeting will next be held on April 12.

**Old Business**

- Meat raffle, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011.
- Further discussion on use of Carnegie room at MPL for historical display postponed until after the annual town election.

**New Business**

- Bill said a new clerk for the MBC will be needed to replace Rebecca Rehm, who is moving with her family to Harvard after April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ron, seconded by Paul, approved unanimously without discussion.

Submitted by  
Christopher Sinacola  
March 23, 2011