

Northborough 250th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Members Present: Virginia Simms George (Chair), Tom Lowe (Vice-Chair), Dale Rains (Treasurer), Amelia Graham, Lorna Helms, Cathy McAuliffe, Dave Carlson

Absent: Norm Corbin (Clerk), Diane Wackell (Executive Assistant), Bob Marchetta, Dawn Rand (Selectman)

Others Present: Andy Dowd (Town Clerk), Bill Pantazis (Selectman), Michelle Gillespie

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 PM.

Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, August 16, 2016 were accepted as written. The meeting of Monday, August 29, 2016 did not have a quorum.

Finance Report: There have been no major changes in finances lately. \$1,400.00 will be spent for parade expenses. \$2,000.00 will be paid to the hotel for the 250th Finale in October. The cook book has been paid for. Our account balance is at \$56,522.23. The \$20,000.00 awarded to this committee by the town at the last town meeting will be returned. This will be discussed in November.

Applefest Booth: Lorna will be at the Applefest booth selling merchandise during Applefest, Bill and Lorna will set up two overhead tents. The quilt will be displayed at the booth. The Senior Center is raffling off a different quilt.

Parade: The parade will be Sunday at 1:00 PM. Checks have been prepared for the bands, the sound system, and a reviewing stand. Tom needs two or three people to help line up floats. Applefest people will take care of the rest.

Fireworks: The fireworks will be Saturday night at 8:00 PM. There will be lists of Northborough residents killed in action posted for viewing. There will be a color guard to present the flag, and the band will play the National Anthem. Eagle Scout Candidate Carter Brannon will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fred George will read a statement of purpose. Local politicians will present Northborough's deceased heroes, and speak about Northborough residents who have served in the Armed Forces. The band will play the 1812 Overture. Bill will call the Arsenault family to see if they will attend.

Motion: Tom moved that we spend \$2,000.00 to cover expenses for the fireworks and the parade which are in addition to normal Applefest expenses. Amy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Flag Bags: We will need forty bags for the 250th Anniversary banners. Each bag costs \$13.00, which includes printing on the bag. Each bag will include a note of thanks along with the banner.

Motion: Lorna moved that we purchase forty flag bags, total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Amy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

250th Anniversary Finale: Pins could be given to volunteers who have helped this committee over the past year (one per family). Some tickets have been sold online. There will be a beef entrée, fish, and pasta, as well as cheese and crackers. Rooms will be available for those who wish to spend the night. A photo booth will be present. Dress for the event will be period dress. Dawn Rand and two others will give out prizes for the best period dress.

Memorabilia: Virginia has been saving all programs and documents associated with the town's 250th anniversary. These items will be donated to the Northborough Historical Society, as well as merchandise such as mugs, t-shirts, and sweatshirts.

Cemetery Tour: The cemetery tour, known as "Ghosts in the Graveyard," will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Thirteen Northborough residents will act as famous people from Northborough's past. Five or six tour guides are still needed.

Sponsors: Virginia would like to have Assabet print a list of sponsors to post at the 250th Finale. Those who have not paid have been removed from the list.

Cookbook: The cookbook has arrived. It includes 250 recipes and looks great!

Northborough Film: This film, between 20 and 30 minutes long, was created by Northborough students. Possible locations to show the film include Public Access Cable, the Library, the Senior Center, and at the 250th Finale. We would provide refreshments. Perhaps during the second week of November, it could be shown at the Library on Monday and at the Senior Center on Tuesday. Amy will check with the Senior Center, and Andy will check with the school superintendent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Carlson