



250th TOWN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES for Regular Meeting & Community Meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2015

MEMBERS

- PRESENT:** Virginia Simms George (Chair), Thomas Lowe (Vice-Chair), Dale Rains (Treasurer), Norm Corbin (Clerk), David Carlson, Amelia Graham, Cathy McAuliffe,
- ABSENT:** Lorna Helms, Robert Marchetta
- OTHERS:** Diane Wackell, Andy Dowd, Bill Pantazis (Selectman), Dawn Rand (Selectman)
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Regular Meeting Called to order: 6:30pm.

Meeting Minutes:

- Chairman Update:
 - The meeting schedule will change, subcommittee's will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the main committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- Finance Committee:
 - **Fund Raising:**
 - A \$10k donation was received from Saint Mary's Credit Union
 - Norm will submit a \$500 request from the Cultural Council to subsidize the Trolley cost for the Historic Tour event
 - **Budgets:** No Report
- Publicity/Marketing:
 - **Commemorative Items** - Items were sold at Applefest Booth. They cannot be purchased on-line through the Town's website. We are looking for several stores in town to make them available. They can be purchased from the Town Clerk at Town Hall.
 - **Large Banner/Signs near Main Street:** No Report
 - **Small Logo Buttons** - 500 were given out over the Applefest Weekend, an additional order will be made.
- Town Planned Events:
 - **Kickoff Event (January 24, 2016)** - Wegmans will asked to donate water and the Cake Boss will donate a cake for the Kick-off Event . Armeno's Coffee Roasters will donate coffee and develop a special blend for the 250th.
 - **250th Gala Ball Event (February 6, 2016)** – The target is for 300 people. Black Tie dress will be encouraged. Kathy Dalglish is preparing a slide show with a history theme. Tables for 10 are available.
 - **5K Road Race (May 22, 2016)** - The contract has been signed for the organizing company.
 - **Family Game Day (August 14, 2016)**- No Report
 - **Pre-Fireworks (September 17, 2016)**- No Report
 - **Parade (September 18, 2016)** – No Report
 - **Guest Speaker:** No Report
 - **Town History Tour (May 15, 2016):** The contract has been signed for the trolley company.
 - **Cemetery Tour (September 24 , 2016):** No Report
 - **Historic Scavenger Hunt:** No Report
 - **Closing Event (October 29, 2016)** No Report
- Community & Civic Organization & Other Participation:
 - **Meeting will start at 7:00pm**

Adjournment: 7:00 pm

Community Meeting Called to order: 7:00pm.

Representatives from the following organizations were present:

Scouting (Girls & Boys)
Churches (Trinity, 7th Day Adventist, First Parish)
Northborough Area Community Chorus
Northborough Art Guild
Northborough Local First Business Consortium
Northborough/Southborough Youth Football & Cheer Association
Corridor Nine Chamber of Commerce
Northborough Rotary Club

- Virginia thanked the participants for attending. She also mentioned that the Town's 250th events will need additional volunteers.
- Bill Pantazis welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.
- Tom Lowe gave an overview of the Town's Planned 250th Activities.
- Andy Dowd reviewed the Website with Twitter and Facebook feeds. He also showed some of the commemorative items available for sale.

Input from the attendees:

- Mary Desautels mentioned she has an old pattern for the dresses made for the 200th celebration. Is someone interested in using it.
- 2016 will also be the 90th year for the Boy Scout's Troup 1, maybe there is a way to have a joint event? Norm will put them in contact with Bob Ellis from the Historical Society to find some Troup 1 history info.
- Kim Reed wanted to know if/how she could work on the Historical Societies "Hunt-For-History" event. Norm will put her in touch with the Historical Society.
- The Rotary will be having a 5K race in Northborough the first weekend in May, several weeks before the 250th road race.
- Interfaith events will be held on November 24, 2015 and again on November 22, 2016.
- Mary Desautels had a record album of Early American Songs from 1974 sung by the Northborough Chorus in conjunction with the Historical Society. Could it also be for sale? Maybe in a CD format? Contact is Tony Volpe 508-366-7307
- Identifying some 50 Historic Sites with markers (our Scavenger Hunt) could possibly be an Eagle Scout Project. Troop 1 will look into this option.
- Northborough Local First mentioned we could work with them to get an Events Calendar on-line.
- The Garden Club will be celebrating their 90th year next year. They are planning a Tea at the Library
- The First Parish Church is considering a concert on their front lawn. Dave Johnson's wife can bring in students from the Berkley School of Music as she teaches there.
- Roger Fuller is a retired Concord & Lexington Park Ranger, maybe he should be approached for ideas.
- The Art Guild will dedicate their June 4th & 5th event to the Town of Northborough with the art being focused on people and places associated with Northborough.
- Norm will contact the Trails Committee to see if there may be some possible Trails/250th celebration event.

Virginia asked audience members to forward event information and any other suggestions to Diane Wackell.

Respectfully submitted,

Normand Corbin, Clerk, 250th Anniversary Committee