

Northborough 250th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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

Absent: Norm Corbin (Clerk), Diane Wackell (Executive Assistant), Bill Pantazis (Selectman)

Others Present: Andy Dowd (Town Clerk) and Dawn Rand (Selectman)

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 PM.

Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, November 24, 2015 were accepted with the following correction: Under the Heading "Publicity/ Marketing," and the sub-heading "Northborough Holiday Trolley," we had not decided whether or not to participate, and we did participate.

School Update: Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Northborough Schools visited us to give us an update on the school system's involvement in Northborough's 250th Anniversary Celebration. PTO's in all Northborough schools are available to us, and very much want to partner with us for the celebration. Each school sends out a newsletter, and will be communicating about 250th Anniversary events and opportunities.

In addition, the 250th Anniversary is on the School Committee agenda each month. Each principal is working with the third graders to create a movie. They are trying to identify a point person for the high school. They are also talking about preparing a float for the parade.

Chair's Report:

- Virginia and Tom met with the Unitarian Church. The church can hold about 300 people, and the Parish Hall can hold about 380 people, standing. Nancy Kellner will coordinate the reception with Renee at the church.
- Armeno's has been put in touch with the Coffee Merchant at Wegmans corporate office. The "official" coffee for the 250th Anniversary will be sent to Wegmans in an effort to get the coffee onto Wegmans shelves.
- Per Linda Corbin, 140 tickets for the gala have been sold, plus there are commitments for 90 more. There will be no giveaway items at the gala. Thirteen tables have been paid for, and tickets will be sold through December 20th.
- We should re-send a letter to local businesses to attend the January 24th kickoff event.

Budget: The current budget shows a net income of \$41,077.00.

Fund Raising: Our fund raising should target businesses, and might benefit from the “personal touch.” People are becoming interested in the celebration now that the banners have been put up on poles along Route 20. A Boston group has promised to send Virginia a check. Lorna will bring a list of donors to the next meeting.

Interview: Virginia, Tom, Amy, and Norm were interviewed on “Close to Home.” They discussed the kickoff event, the gala, and other items.

Town Documents: Bob travelled to the State Archives, and saw digital photographs of many official documents from the early history of Northborough. The wording of the original engrossed act is available, but the document itself is not in good condition. A map of Massachusetts from 1795 with town boundaries was available for viewing.

Miscellaneous:

- Tom thanked Christine Johnson for attending our meeting tonight.
- Bob will compile a list of Northborough residents who died in service to our country.
- A list of meeting dates for 2016 was handed out.
- On the banner for Northborough Oil, “Northborough” is misspelled.

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Carlson