

STRATHAM 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Monday, February 29, 2016

Members Present: John Dold, Jeff Gallagher, Carol Hazekamp, Cathy Kenny, Joyce Rowe, Pat Sapienza, Peter Wiggin, Susan Canada

Others Present: John Sapienza (sponsorship), Jamie Clavet (play), Dave Emanuel and Brian DeKoning (Cub Scout project), Linwood Wickett (photographer).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Review of the Minutes: The minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting were accepted on a motion by Joyce Rowe which was seconded by Pat Sapienza.

Timeline/Event Planning Sub-Committee:

1. Time Capsule: Brian DeKoning and Dave Emanuel spoke to the Committee about a Cub Scout service project to create a time capsule to commemorate the 300th Anniversary. The Scouts would be contributing items for the capsule but it could be opened to the Town. The Committee discussed whether this might be incorporated into the play. Members of the Committee supported the project.
2. Play: Director Jamie Clavet attended to discuss recent auditions and to give an update on the play. She is meeting with playwright Emily Belanger to work on some script adjustments. Jamie will be able to use all those who auditioned, but she still needs a few more people. Additional auditions will be by appointment. Her theater company will offer some acting workshops. She was open to the idea of incorporating the time capsule project in the play. Rehearsals will begin soon. She has contacted Brett Walker to discuss his role as Samuel Lane. Jamie is working on set design now. Peter Wiggin will contact Exeter Lumber to seek donations of building materials. The Committee also discussed travel expenses and lodging for Brett Walker. A motion was made by Peter Wiggin and seconded by Jeff Gallagher to approve \$500. for Brett's travel expenses.
3. Parade Update: Jeff Gallagher reported that the NH DOT application is in progress. Contact has been made with several High School Bands. Guidelines for floats will be forthcoming. The Committee discussed a later start for the Parade which could be followed by activities at the Park. We had discussed fireworks, but currently have not budgeted for that. For the past several years we had been told a decision would be made by March as to the availability of the Clydesdales. Peter Wiggin's latest correspondence with Budweiser indicates that a decision may not be made until this summer. If they are not available, we should consider some other major lead off for the Parade, such as a contingent of Police Motorcyclists. The Committee discussed having a float to honor those who participated in the 250th Anniversary. Carol Hazekamp and Stan Walker will work on judges and trophies. We will contact Tom Fosher, Stratham Memorial School Principal regarding the entry of floats from the school. The Committee discussed grandstands for dignitaries to observe the Parade. At present, plans are to stage any animals, such as the Clydesdales at the Park and to stage floats and bands at Crestview Terrace. Once the Parade Route is approved by DOT, Peter Wiggin will contact the residents at Crestview regarding how the staging will impact their neighborhood.
4. Dinner Dance: John Dold and Susan Canada met recently with Paul Deschaine, Town Treasurer Deb Bronson and Town Accountant Val Kemp to discuss how we could sell Dinner Dance tickets online. Eventbrite was the unanimous suggestion. A motion was made by Carol Hazekamp and seconded by

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Joyce Rowe to proceed with setting up an online account for ticket sales. The motion was passed unanimously. Deb Bronson will look into coordinating an account with the bank. She will work with Cathy Kenny to activate the account. John Sapienza requested that we include the Lindt logo on tickets and other promotional material for the Dinner Dance as was promised in our sponsorship letter. John Hazekamp will add their logo to the ticket design. A motion was made by Susan Canada and seconded by Pat Sapienza to spend up to \$250. for printing of the tickets with the Lindt logo included. The vote was 7 in favor, 1 opposed. The committee also discussed the menu choices suggested by Ben Reed. The following choices were approved: the addition of cheese & crackers and crudités during the cocktail hour; a simple garden salad to be served family style on each table, entrees—Smoke Roasted Sirloin with Horseradish on the side, Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast and Baked Haddock; Sides: Smashed Red Potatoes and Roasted Sweet Potato Salad; and Vegetable: Roasted Green Beans. Other Dinner Dance related issues included renting porta potties, finding an event coordinator, inviting dignitaries and transportation from the back parking lot to the tent area.

5. Souvenir Program: Peter Wiggin suggested that Don Young, who wrote the Foreword for the 250th Program might be willing to write something for the 300th Program.

Revenue and Products Sub-Committee:

Merchandise, raffle tickets and dinner dance tickets will be sold at the upcoming election and School and Town Meetings. Fliers detailing upcoming events have been printed to be handed out. Souvenir First Day Pictorial Postmarks will be available at the Wiggin Memorial Library on Sunday, March 20, which is the actual 300th Anniversary. Stamped envelopes may be purchased for \$2.00. The postmark will also be available at the Post Office for a few days afterwards.

Sponsorship: We have received \$2500. from Lindt Chocolate. Committee members continue to solicit sponsorship donations. So far 8 donations have been made. John Dold will work on a thank you note.

Finance: The \$5,000. Community Grant which John Dold had applied for was not approved. He is applying for another Grant.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 on a motion by Joyce Rowe which was seconded by Jeff Gallagher.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Canada

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