

STRATHAM 300TH COMMITTEE
Minutes
May 21, 2012

Members Present: John Dold, Joyce Rowe, Pat Sapienza, Flossie Wiggin, Susan Canada

Visitors: Jordan Ambargis, Katy Sternberger, Mark Sternberger

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Susan Canada in the absence of Chairman Jeff Hyland.

2. Review of Minutes: The minutes were approved following a motion by Flossie Wiggin, which was seconded by Pat Sapienza. Thanks to Flossie for preparing the report in Susan's absence. There was a request to have the Agenda sent out in a PDF format since some members are unable to open it.

3. Timeline/Event Planning Sub-committee: a. The recent Yard Sale was a great success. The Committee raised over \$1400. Thank you notes were sent to the Moriartys, the Sewalls and Stratham Circle Nursery for their generous donations.

b. Jordan Ambargis was in attendance to discuss the upcoming Trail Marathon which the Committee will co-sponsor. Jordan has organized similar events at the Park, including the Gordon Barker race and the Fire Tower 5K. The plan for the race, to be called "The Muddy Leaf Trail Run," is to have a looped cross trail with the full race being 4.65 miles. Runners will pay a registration fee, and Jordan hopes to attract 50 – 100 runners this first year. He will do the timing and keep the event low key, which keeps costs down. There will be self-serve water stations. Proceeds will go to the 300th Committee. Volunteers will be needed to help and sponsors will be needed to underwrite the costs. Please contact Jordan (jordanambargis@yahoo.com) with any questions or possible sponsors. Local radio news announcer Kelly Brown will provide public service announcements about the race. There will be other publicity, including listings on runners' websites. We should also plan to advertise at the Fair. There was a discussion about the Committee donating prizes, for example 300th hats. The event will be co-sponsored by the Stratham Rec Dept., which will provide insurance and an on-line registration site. The date being considered is Saturday, September 1st, which is Labor Day Weekend.

4. Town History Sub-Committee: Katy Sternberger, a UNH student and History volunteer attended the meeting with her father, Mark Sternberger. Katy is looking forward to helping with the research and was interested in when it might begin. A draft copy of the contract with Craig Brandon was discussed. Susan will provide copies to all members of the Committee. Work on the contract will proceed through Paul Deschaine's office. John will contact Craig regarding an organizational meeting.

5. Communications Sub-Committee: a. **There** was a discussion about improving and expanding the information on our website. We should also publicize our email address. Use of the "Drop Box" site for storing information was also discussed as a means of centralizing volunteer contact data. b. John Dold gave an update on the road signs. As soon as the paper work is completed, he will place the order for the signs to be placed on the roads entering Town.

6. Revenue and Products Sub-Committee: Flossie and Pat reviewed the inventory of items on hand. Not much was sold at the Yard Sale. Sales are better at Stratham only events, such as Election Day and events at the Historical Society. More Navy Polos, Tote Bags and Youth

Shirts are needed. A motion was made by Susan Canada and seconded by John Dold to approve spending up to \$740 for these items (\$425 for Navy shirts, 90 for bags and 225 for Youth Shirts). There also was a discussion about looking into Sweatshirts and Christmas ornaments for the Fall. We should have sufficient inventory for sale at the Fair and the Primary Election in September. We would also like to move forward with a Calendar for the coming year. Joyce Rowe and Flossie will work on that.

7. Finance: There was no Treasurer's Report.

8. Other/New Business: a. We need to plan for the Fair. There was a discussion of having Committee members dress in period costumes for the Fair.

b. John Dold gave an update on the Navy Band Concert. The Navy Pops Ensemble, featuring 40 players, will perform. We will need to order Posters.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, June 18th at 6:30.

10. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Joyce Rowe and seconded by Pat Sapienza.

Respectfully Submitted:
Susan Canada, Secretary