

STRATHAM 300TH COMMITTEE

Minutes

August 20, 2012

Members in Attendance: Susan Canada, Liz Chisholm, John Dold, Joyce Rowe, Pat Sapienza, Flossie Wiggin

Also Present: Jeff Gallagher, Parade Committee Chair

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Susan Canada in the absence Chairman Jeff Hyland.

2. Review of Minutes: The minutes were approved as written on a motion by Liz Chisholm, which was seconded by Flossie Wiggin.

3. Timeline/Event Planning Sub-Committee:

a. Stratham Fair Recap: The committee manned the “Celebrate Stratham” tent throughout the Fair. Thanks were expressed to all the members who helped out, particularly Flossie who was there the entire time and John Dold who helped close up each night. Merchandise totaling \$577. was sold and approximately 500 people signed up for the Navy Band Concert in November. We should begin thinking of ideas for something to sell/raffle for next year.

b. Trail Marathon: The Trail Marathon has been cancelled. Jordan Ambargis, who was organizing the event, moved out of town. The committee discussed finding someone else to run the event next year.

c. Navy Band Concert: Final confirmation will be made early in September. We will need to order tickets. The committee discussed how to distribute the tickets. John Dold will confirm what our responsibility for meals will be. The committee also talked about publicity for the event. Use of Exeter High School has been confirmed.

4. Town History Sub-Committee: The contract has been signed by the author and will be signed by the Selectmen at their next meeting. A meeting will be set up for Craig Brandon to meet with the volunteers.

5. Communications Sub-Committee:

a.-b.-c.: Nothing new was reported.

d. Welcome to Stratham Signs: Jeff Hyland has been following up with NHDOT regarding placement of the signs. A letter received today was read. The DOT contact, Walter Keuenhoff, requested a letter from the Chairman of the Selectman stating that the town will accept full liability and responsibility for the signs and plans for the exact location. Jeff Hyland will create that plan and David Canada will provide a letter from the Select Board to that effect. The signs were placed at several locations at the Park during the Fair.

6. Revenue and Products Sub-Committee:

The committee was pleased with the sales at the Fair. There is sufficient inventory for both the Primary Election in September and Election Day in November. There has been interest in more sweatshirts. A motion was made by Liz Chisholm and seconded by Joyce Rowe to spend up to \$200 for additional sweatshirts. We also expect to have items for sale at the Navy Concert.

7. Finance: The Treasurer’s Report was deferred until our next meeting.

8. Other/New Business:

a. Chairman Jeff Hyland asked the Committee to consider the possibility of having Co- Chairs or electing a new Chair. His business commitments have increased and, while he wants to remain active, he needs some relief from the responsibilities of the Chair. The members present discussed various possibilities and deferred a decision until next month when more members will be in attendance.

b. Gundalow Information: The Committee had previously discussed having an event featuring Gundalow rides. In March 2013, Frank Stewart of the Gundalow project will be speaking at the Stratham Historical Society Meeting. Members of this Committee should plan to attend.

c. Colonial Cobbler: Susan Canada reported that she has been in contact with Brett Walker who is a shoemaker at Colonial Williamsburg. Mr. Walker has been interested in Samuel Lane, a Stratham cobbler. He would be interested in doing a presentation in Stratham. He may be in NH in October and would like to meet with us to discuss this. Susan will follow up with him.

d. Parade Committee: Jeff Gallagher, Chair of the Parade Committee, discussed some ideas for the Parade. He has spoken with Chief of Police John Scippa who will provide guidance regarding the Parade route.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, September 17, 2012.

10. Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by Jeff Gallagher and seconded by Joyce Rowe to adjourn at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Canada, Secretary

