

STRATHAM 300TH COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 22, 2012

Members Present: Liz Chisholm, John Dold, Cathy Kenny, Pat Sapienza, Flossie Wiggin, Peter Wiggin, Susan Canada

Sub-Committee Members Present: Jeff Gallagher

Also Present: Judy Joy

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Review of Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Liz Chisholm, seconded by Pat Sapienza.

Timeline/Event Planning Sub-Committee: 1. Navy Band Concert: Plans for the upcoming Navy Pops Ensemble Concert were discussed. A group has been working to confirm those who have signed up for tickets. We have distributed almost 900 tickets at this point. It was suggested that we contact the Music Dept. at each of the local schools to see if there is interest. Liz will check with the Stratham Memorial School, Jeff Gallagher and John Dold will contact the Middle and High Schools respectively. Pat Sapienza will make signs for donation jars. We will also have a raffle; the three prizes will be a 300th Sweatshirt, a basket of Lindt Chocolate (thanks to John Sapienza) and a handmade afghan and pillows donated by Cathy Kenny's mother. Jeff Gallagher offered to make signs. A subcommittee will meet to plan the turkey dinner to be served to the band and committee members following the concert. The dinner will be held at the Stratham Fire Station; set up before the concert to start at 12:30. We will also be providing a light lunch for the band upon arrival at the High School. John Dold continues to be in touch with Navy personnel and will coordinate any new information.

2. Brett Walker, a cobbler at Colonial Williamsburg, has expressed interest in working with us on a portrayal of Samuel Lane. Brett was in NH recently doing research and met with Pat Sapienza, Flossie Wiggin and Susan Canada. He and his wife had dinner with committee members and then visited the Historical Society. He would like to keep in touch with the committee, and wants to work on some kind of presentation.

Town History Sub-Committee: Craig Brandon has had difficulty in connecting with some of the volunteers who signed up to work on the History. John will contact volunteers to see if they are still interested. He suggested we put an ad in the paper seeking additional help. Susan Canada said that the Selectmen have included that information in a letter going out in a large email blast to the Town before Election Day.

Craig would be interested in getting contacts in local retirement homes and veterans' organizations. He also asked if there were any community members who were well known on TV or played on sports teams.

Communications Sub-Committee: 1. Judy Joy had offered to work on the committee's Facebook page.
2. Welcome/Anniversary Sign Update: John will create a map locating the signs and submit it to Paul Deschaine.

Revenue and Products Sub-Committee: At last month's meeting, \$1000 was approved for the purchase of additional merchandise needed for the upcoming Election Day and the Navy Concert. An order has been placed for approximately \$844. Flossie had a sample of a Christmas Decoration that we could sell. The committee decided it was too costly. We need to research items, including calendars, earlier next year. Flossie also reported that no items were sold at the recent Bike Race, but we did get a \$5 donation.

Finance: Treasurer Cathy Kenny reported that there was no activity in the general accounts this month. She paid \$633.15 to Craig Brandon, which comes out of the money approved for the History at last year's Town Meeting. We also should be receiving a portion of the proceeds from the Gordon Barker Bike Race.

Other/New Business: The committee discussed our participation in the Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, December 2. After the Navy Band Concert, we will begin to discuss our next event.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 19th at 6:30.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 by Liz Chisholm and seconded by Pat Sapienza.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Canada, Secretary