

Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee
Minutes – April 18, 2018
Safety Services Building 7:00 PM

Present: Scott Blewitt, Kathy Springsteen, Deb Pasculano, Tom Mickle, Patty McGoldrick, Deb Marino of Project Sunapee, Becky Rylander, Dana Ramspott, Brenda Huff, Sharon Parsons, Lela Emery, Ron Garceau, Charleen Osborne, Wendy Nolin and Cheryl Meachen.

The meeting began with an introduction of guests.

On motion made by Dana Ramspott and duly seconded it was unanimously VOTED to approve the updated minutes of the March meeting.

Financial Report: We have brought in \$112 for arrowheads, \$10,000 from Stacy's Smoothies donation, and \$495.00 for banners (this represents over the counter receipts not those from PayPal). We have received \$3985 from license plates and \$50 from decals. Kathy has also turned in \$15 that wasn't yet listed. She has list of PayPal orders but no totals. We have sold out of banners. Fifty were ordered.

There were no committee member expense reimbursements requested.

Deb Marino of Project Sunapee reported that Steve Marshall had requested putting banners on poles where flags are. It is against American flag protocol to hang things blocking flags. Steve and Donna have worked it out and will identify poles to be used. As soon as they have both returned from trips, they will resolve the issues. There are three groups on waiting list and we believe we can accommodate them. One pole was owned by the town at the dock and Kathy will need to go to Board of Selectmen to request permission to use that pole which one of the two boating groups wants their banner to be hung on. Neither the telephone company nor Comcast own any of the poles. Donna says she will map out poles and not use those permitted to Project Sunapee with American flags.

Deb indicated that games will be held on August 18 from 2-4pm. She would like that fact advertised in publications. Previously such events have been held in the harbor over by the covered bridge in the walkway area necessitating closing the road for three hours. They're going to figure out an alternative since it will also be closed in the morning for the parade. Deb says it can be in Stacy's Smoothies backyard. Another possibility is the lawn behind the bathrooms.

She also invited committee members on Friday May 18th for Friends of Sunapee LSPA event at 6pm where anybody who has helped them do anything is celebrated.

Steve phoned into the meeting and reported that he had talked with Donna Gazelle who has permission to use poles and is happy to let us use any that do not already have flags. He just got word today from Eversource that our request has been approved to use for banners through November 15th. We could sell 20-25 more banners. Steve will publicize the availability. It was AGREED by consensus not to sell other banners for use other than on poles. Kathy will tell the three wait listed people that they can order. Orders will be accepted until May 15, 2018.

On motion made by Scott Blewitt and duly seconded it was unanimously VOTED to ask the Selectmen for \$2500 for the purchase of up to 25 additional banners and hardware.

The first group of license plates completely sold out and the second group has been received and is selling well. David has not requested another reorder and we will wait until we have a small supply remaining to reorder. We are planning to have some on hand for summer people in June or July and can reorder closer to that time since Dave received them within a week of ordering. Deb offered to sell them at the Smoothie bar if desired. Kathy indicated that a sign indicating that they were for sale would be nice. Dana suggested that arrowhead ornaments be sold there and at the Wild Goose. It is important that money be given directly to Town Office.

The Arrowhead Ornaments are not selling as quickly as other things but they have been picking up slightly in last month. We still have an ample supply. Ron talked about a news release showing the production. Kathy will ask Steve to contact Natasha for such an article.

We have an ample supply of exterior decals. Interior decals are backordered. Some have put them on plain white mugs. During the meeting, Parker Reed contacted Sharon to indicate that the next allotment is ready.

Sharon reported on the Taste of Sunapee: that gatherings will be held at the Livery, Lion's Club in field, School, Fire Department, Rec Department in Harbor, Historical Society at Museum from 5-7 on July 14th. We briefly discussed having tickets in advance but made no decision.

Kathy will be asking about events and volunteer needs in order to respond to offers of help.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th with lineup at 9:30.

Dana reported that multiple invitations have been sent out for the parade and we have received several back. Louis Edmonds has asked if he can pull his steamboat under power in the parade and it will be the historical society's float. He worries about the length and Dana has assessed that the only difficult spot will be next to Stacy's Smoothies. Dana will call to give him the final okay after running it by the Police Chief and the committee. Dana has not heard from any marching bands yet although two invitations have been sent including the Londonderry High School.

He asked for Grand Marshal suggestions. Pie Molloy holds the Boston Post Cane and has good and bad days. Rachael Osborne is another candidate but needs transportation from Merrimack. Jo Hill, Dick Leone, Marilyn Morse and Gordon Ramspott are other suggestions. Scott suggested a list of those "gone but not forgotten." Charleen suggested we put an invitation to contribute to the list online requesting suggestions that would help us to keep from omitting someone. It might be safer to say "a tribute" and we might set a time frame of the period since the bicentennial. We wouldn't miss someone who had moved into an out-of-town nursing home but we might miss summer citizens who have been a big part of the town. The Sunapee High School is doing a "People of the Past" project including a film. There is a float and Dana wonders whether the kids could dress up and wear a sign/name tag.

Sharon asked about horse and buggies in parade and connected interested parties with Dana to ensure that they will be furthest from sound of sirens that will likely be at the front to project sound forward.

Dana is talking with NH Police Fife and Drum. Ron offered that small groups that dress up and project a lot of sound would be enjoyable. Becky asked about the Sons of the Revolution representative that met with us and Sharon will check with him as they have been in contact.

A discussion ensued about those who might be willing to offer their convertibles for the parade. Tony Venti of Sunapee Cove is a part of an antique car club and would like to put Cove residents in those cars.

Scott asked about former military or Sunapee alumni and how to organize them. Wendy suggested VFW, calling Wilfred or Ron Hand. The High School invites veterans in fall and probably has a list. Those present remembered that Guy Alexander always used to come in uniform.

The discussion returned to the idea of Grand Marshalls. It was agreed by CONSENSUS to invite a group including: Pie Molloy, Rachael Osborne, Jo Hill, Dick Leone, Marilyn Morse and Gordon Ramspott. Other suggestions are welcome.

Kathy reported on the Time Capsule. She called Marion Chadwick about getting a larger vault since the 10" one will not accommodate the commemorative license plate except diagonally which would limit placement of other items. She is waiting to hear back. She tried to get a hold of people in Newport but they were in the process of moving. She sent an email to Sunapee Granite Works and is waiting for a reply. Another stonecutter is also going to be providing an estimate. She wonders what wording to include, perhaps "250th anniversary" as well as "Town of Sunapee." There were many that preferred "250th" and a few who felt strongly about "Sestercentennial." This will be placed at the Archives across the walkway from the 1968 time capsule. One bid will be for a beveled stone with no cracking concrete border. Stocker may or may not want to do that.

Ron revised the promotional brochure and shared copies with everyone. There will also be an event program for the weekend. Dana suggested that we use the publicity budget to print more. Ron took note of several revisions to update brochure which he will send by pdf to committee members. These will be passed out at Transfer Station and otherwise distributed. We found that there is a music slot that needs to be filled. Scott will fill it and let Ron know for the brochure.

On motion made by Scott Blewitt and duly seconded it was unanimously VOTED to spend up to \$1200 to have the brochure printed.

Becky reported that Quilt Project participants will be meeting on May 1st and that things are coming along nicely. We won't know how big it will be until all the squares have come in. It will be hung in various places for a period of time including the Livery, Archives, Library, Museum and Town Office.

Becky invited Nancy Dussault of White Shutters to sponsor something like kayak or canoe races or a regatta style event launching from Dewey Beach. Nancy is willing to organize it. The fireworks barge will be well out of the way by that time of day. Nancy has an old bicentennial flag and wants to make similar flags for float. She wondered about selling t-shirts, as well as about having music at Dewey Beach. Brenda sent email to Gary Zaluka at Perkins Pond about a similar project. The committee agreed by CONSENSUS to suggest it happen on Sunday in conjunction with Love your Lake Activities and perhaps arriving in the harbor with the Antique Boats on display.

Becky wonders whether other neighborhood associations know about opportunities for events. She worries that some might be missing information if they are not on town email. Kathy offered to spend afternoon going around sticking brochures in doors. Scott indicated that the Summer Recreation Department Newsletter will be going out shortly to all Sunapee and George's Mills residents and will include this information. Deb suggested a save-the-date postcard to the town mailing list to include summer residents.

The Fire Department has already ordered and received bunting. Kathy will receive information about the bunting vendor to order matching ones from Steve and we will discuss the topic at our next meeting to vote on pricing and the number of buildings to cover.

Kathy is trying to apply to the USPS to get a special postmark honoring the Sestercentennial. She is waiting for letter from the Town as the copyright owner giving permission for its use. Donna asked the Selectmen for permission to write letter to use the logo and they approved. Once Kathy receives the letter she will send the application to the Postmaster.

Kathy has also petitioned the Governor for a Proclamation and is waiting to hear back.

Patty McGoldrick offered ways that the Chamber of Commerce might help. The committee thanked her for making contact with the Boston Globe which resulted in the recent article.

Charleen Osborne, on behalf of the PTO, reported that the Family Game Day has been confirmed for June 16th from 1-4pm at Veteran's Field. She is interested in handing out brochures that day and offered participation and visibility at the event for our committee. She detailed the games she hopes to have.

Lela Emery asked about waivers for the hikes. Scott indicated that it needs to be clear that the boat regatta is not run by the Town for liability purposes. It's also important that the Town Use of Facilities application be used when appropriate. Parking permits are also advised. Those unsure should check with Donna.

The next meeting will be held May 16th at 7:00 pm at the Safety Services Building. We will consider meeting more frequently in the future, as it becomes necessary.

On motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Meachen, Secretary