

Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee  
Minutes – August 8, 2018  
Town Offices at 7:00 pm

Present: Committee Members: Kathy Springsteen, Cheryl Meachen, Dana Ramspott, Steve Marshall, Scott Blewitt, Becky Rylander, Ron Garceau, Dave Cahill, Betty Ramspott, Sharon Parsons; Volunteers: Patricia Halpin, Ryan Fluery; Guests: Sara Harkins and drone photographer Jonathan Ryba.

There was a discussion about Jon not flying the drone over people for safety reasons and the setup of the stage and placement of the flag for the best photos. We talked about the light and the fact that the crowd will be facing Route 11 and the sun will be behind the crowd at the end of the ceremony which begins at 4:30. It will be nice to have the geese on the hillside as the backdrop, and perhaps the mountain. He prefers not to fly at night and especially not over people. We have another photographer available for Friday night pictures. The picture will be large resolution and it will be given to the historical society. The potential for selling prints of the photo after the event was discussed at a selectmen's meeting. If there is a plaque for recognition Jon would be happy to be on it. The committee encouraged him that we would like to include his name on the large photo and on any prints since it is his artwork. We will discuss where to put the photo at a later meeting.

On motion made by Dana and duly seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the **minutes** from the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Ron prepared an ad for the Kearsarge Shopper which was distributed (having been subsequently disseminated via email).

On motion made by David Cahill and duly seconded it was unanimously **VOTED** to request that the Selectmen authorize the expenditure of \$387.40 to the Kearsarge Shopper to run the proposed ad.

Kathy distributed a signup list for committee members to share our phone numbers so that we may be in immediate contact during the event. Kathy will distribute the list.

Kathy shared that the pricing of the envelope from Echo Communications is \$170 for 250 envelopes. Kathy showed the stamps she is donating and indicated that the NH stamps previously suggested were not available. They depict the flag act of 1818, another anniversary. There will be less confusion if we sell the stamped envelopes. The cost will be \$2 in order not to deal with change. We've discussed selling these in the harbor during music and during weekend. Dave indicated that we can have the police communications trailer in the first end piece in the boat queue near Stacy's Smoothies in the harbor for this committee to use as a base of operations for license plates, decals, and ornaments. It is possible to have tables and chairs in there. Dave suggested a sign to hang on both sides:

"Sestercentennial Information and Souvenirs. Betty is willing to sell them from the Town Offices. Dave suggests we have a sign showing that we will be there certain hours. We agreed 4-8 (4-6 Betty / 6-8 Kathy) on Friday, Saturday 1-4 (Dave) and Sunday 11-3 (Steve). We'll keep the parking space to the side open so people can walk up. Dave will provide a key. We will need a cashbox. There will be a table outside the trailer and the supplies will be inside. Checks should be made payable to Town of Sunapee and there should be change in the cashbox. Betty will provide \$100 of change. Steve will check with the Washington PD to borrow their illuminated board for our signage. If that is not possible, Dana will create the sign.

Dave wondered about the conflict between the lane closure for the livery occurring at the same time as the parade which will probably only last 20 minutes.

Events:

The Art Exhibit, Aerosmith exhibit is taken care of by the committee. Lindsey and her puppet pals is taken care of by Scott. Rec Dept is taking care of harbor music Flew-Z. Rec Dept is taking care of Aerosmith tribute band music. Reporter from Boston Globe called and was only interested in Aerosmith tribute band and exhibit and Scott talked to him. He's doing the story because it's the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Draw the Line. He may be coming up that weekend. Fireworks are being handled by police and fire for traffic and signage. Scott reached out to Tim Fenton to be sure boats would be out during the Fireworks at 8:45 and he has affirmed that they will be. Class of 1968 has one of them chartered to be out during the fireworks. Cathy Ward is their contact person.

School bus – Scott emailed with Brenda Thomas and they have a small bus and driver and they will use the same route as Chowderfest to Shelburne Gym, Safety Services, Post Office, etc. It does not make sense to run Friday for fireworks because of the potential for traffic jams. It will be helpful Saturday 10-5 when parking will be an issue, taking a break during the parade. Scott has arranged for porta-potties and lights for Thursday. Steve is doing WNTK and WCNL and will convey information.

The committee, in an effort to be recognizable, is going to wear bright red t-shirts showing Sestercentennial logo and "Ask Me!" On motion made by Dana it was unanimously **VOTED** to ask the Selectmen to authorize the expense of \$266.51 to reimburse Cheryl for the purchase of t-shirts from Customink.

Scott said that he is good for the race on Saturday. He will go over details with chief and department heads. The Herbert Welsh trail hike for the conservation commission - Kathy got Lela a permission slip last week. Barbara and Tim walked it the other night and there were signs a couple of years ago.

The ladies of the church are prepared for the breakfast.

More firemen and police are needed to handle traffic for parade.

Scott has been in contact with Leapin' Lena who are paid \$150 to American Legion. On motion made by Dana and duly seconded it was unanimously **VOTED** to ask the Selectmen approve the expense of \$150 to the American Legion for Leapin' Lena.

We have received the check from the Barton Agency.

Ruth Gallup will lend her convertible for one of our marshalls and she suggests that we provide a bottle of water and an umbrella for participants. Dana and Betty will get a case of water for them.

Sharon had some pretty good success recruiting horses from Warren Farm. They also have covered wagons that they could bring. The insurance is \$500. People could ride in it. Sharon will be seeking donations to offset this cost. We might use the Bar Harbor \$500 donation for that purpose. We might put sign on side of wagon acknowledging donation. Sharon will get try to get some kids, check with the owners or make other arrangements to clean up. On motion made by Dana and duly seconded it was unanimously **VOTED** to ask the Selectmen to authorize the expense of \$500 for insurance for the horses and wagons.

Games in the harbor is all set with Project Sunapee. Love your Lake with LSPA is all set. Sons of American Revolution will participate in parade but not at Veteran's field. They could walk around in period dress after the event and pass out their documentation, but no shooting in harbor.

The music by Soufix sponsored by Sunapee Cove – Kathy will check to ensure that Tony will greet them and be there.

Rusted Chrome will be at the Harbor Riverway.

Kathy indicated that the Kearsarge Community Band and others want to be paid at the parade. Dave suggests she follow up with Lynn to be sure checks are available.

Simpson Preserve Hike on Sunday is handled by Conservation Commission. Rec Department is set with Disc Golf. Games at Library and Foundation people are all set. Coffee with the Chief is Sunday, August 19 at the station between 8-9. Kathy asked that Steve put it on the website and perhaps announce it on the radio even though it's too late to add it to the publicity.

We reviewed the Time Capsule Dedication and Closing Ceremony. Dave will discuss stages with school and will bring chairs for guests. Scott will get sound system. Dave is willing to read Proclamation as well as being emcee. Scott will set mood by playing Top 40 over the sound system as people gather. Time Travellers have said they will sing "What a Wonderful World" rather than Sunapee songs which they feel require piano accompaniment.

During the Time Capsule portion of the ceremony Kathy could describe that contents are listed on website and that it will be buried later, giving credit to Patricia and Ryan. Muriel Bergeron of Sunapee Gardeners was looking for box to put items in and wonders if she can add names of gardeners and pictures of harbor. Betty will receive items. Dave will take time capsule to station and will bring that Sunday to be filled.

Our next meeting is next Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Safety Services. We will also meet Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for an after action meeting.

On motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Meachen, Secretary