

SUNAPEE SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes – 15 December 2016

Present: Ron Garceau, Brenda Huff, Steven Marshall, Kathy Springsteen, Betty Ramspott, Dana Ramspott, Barbara Chalmers
Absent: David Cahill, Becky Rylander, Wendy Nolin
Copy: Barbara Vaughn

The above met at Safety Services for their monthly meeting. The following was discussed:

1. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve November minutes approved unanimously.
2. Report of Selectmen's 12 December 2016 Meeting:
 - Ron reported that the celebration dates of Fri-Sat-Sun August 17 to 19, 2018 were approved and town manager will get them on the town calendar.
 - Ron reported that our requested committee budget of \$15,000 was agreeable to the Board. They deferred the decision to include funds in the budget or make a separate warrant article to their budget deliberations.
 - Betty reported the selectmen decided on a warrant article with funds coming from the fund balance with no impact on the tax rate. Town manager will word the warrant article.
 - Betty noted Deliberative Session is Tuesday, 7 February. Ron to speak to our warrant article.
3. 2017 Committee Funding \$15K Includes:
 - Fireworks: Per Brenda from Scott Blewit: Deposit due 3-5 months before show, budget \$13K, deposit \$5K. Scott will assist with contract, permit, setup, etc. Scott was unable to attend our December meeting.
 - Band: Deposit: \$2,000. Cost \$4,000 with some variables for location and sound.
 - Banners: \$5,000. About \$100 each including the bracket, approx. 50 needed.
 - Advertising, PR, miscellaneous: \$2,000
 - Commemorative item(s): TBD \$2,000
ACTION: Report pending about Sunapee Graniteworks item from Brenda.
 - Parade marching band deposit: TBD
 - 250TH License plate: Deposit TBD
ACTION: Report pending from Dave Cahill.
4. Publicity:
 - Steve has drafted a press release regarding the 250th celebration and logo contest. He will finalize it now that Selectmen's actions are known and get it to committee members for comments. To be ready for release by early January on website and local papers. Critical for contest promotion and warrant article support at Deliberation Meeting.
ACTION: Press release by Steve.
5. 250th Committee Web-site:
 - Discussion of Acworth's 250th website. Steve noted that set up of our website on Town website can't be changed, but we could link there to another website which is graphically enhances like the Abbott Library does. Barbara spoke with Sharon Thielicke, a Sunapee resident and website designer, who might volunteer to set up a Wordpress site for us similar to Acworth's.
ACTION: Barbara to speak further with Sharon about this.
 - 250th Facebook Page: Dana has it set up and called, Sunapee Celebrates its 250th Birthday.
6. 250th Logo Contest:

Ron provided a working draft of the contest rules. A number of suggestions to simplify were made. Contest to be open to anyone with ties to Sunapee. Winner's prize: 250th celebration items & two free tickets to special events. Ron to revise and send out a new draft for final comments ASAP. Form to be ready for distribution to the community in early January. Entries due 15 February 2017. No date to be established logo selection. Ron will coordinate with Barb at town office for her to receive entries and assign each a number so that source of each is unknown to the judges.
ACTION: Entry revision & Barb contact by Ron.
7. Pending:

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- Brenda volunteered to be lead for Sunapee High School reunion organizers for 2018.
- Steve to contact Eversource for permission to hang banners for 2018 soon.
- Check on DOT permits for 250th signs in state R.O.W. near Welcome signs.
- Pending: 2016 Town Report: Prepare a brief report from the 250th Committee.

8. New Business:

- New Idea - Custom pressed glass ornament or coaster by Old Hancock Glassworks.

ACTION: Ron will contact Old Hancock Glassworks again to discuss custom ideas.

- Discussion of the Areosmith Tribute Band event – Questions about good/bad attendance, based on the show done in Sunapee in 2013, which had poor results/attendance. A few alternate ideas were discussed.

ACTION: Brenda will ask Scott Blewitt for his input, also to be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting: 19 January 2017, 7 PM, at Safety Services

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Chalmers