

SUNAPEE SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Sunapee 250th Committee Meeting Minutes – 19 January 2017

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

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

1. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve December minutes approved unanimously.
2. Chairman's Report
 - To maintain a record of all committee emails for Right to Know requirements, we are to use sunapee250th@town.sunapee.nh.us
 - Ron reported that the Historical Society was interested in taking the lead for historical building date plaques. Much of the research has been done. Signs might be made as a project for school woodworking students.
 - Ron reported that several people have contacted him about volunteering. He will compile a resource list and send our minutes to those interested. ACTION by Ron.
 - Ron shared details from Raymond, NH's 250th celebration.
3. Committee Reports
 - Fireworks: Scott discussed fireworks arrangements and cost (\$12.5K) covered by donations for July 4 with Atlas. All agreed with should use Atlas for the 250th given their knowledge of how a Sunapee event needs to be staged with barge, permits, fire and police department security. Scott will have Atlas reserve Aug 18, 2018 date and find out what they recommend for a 250th display. Ideally the display will be about \$5,000. Scott thinks we will be able to get donations to cover this cost. Dana thinks there will likely be no charge for fire and police services for the event, but TBD. Dave and Scott will take the lead for this event. ACTION by Scott
 - Tribute Band: After discussion, committee decided on getting two bands (different types of music) for a lower cost instead of the Hold the Line band. Location not determined – Veterans Field or Harbor bandstand possible. Donations in lieu of tickets were discussed - would encourage attendance.
 - Publicity:
 - Monthly press releases to go out to inform voters before March town meeting including:
 - Why there are two dates – incorporation vs charter date
 - What funds will be used for. ACTION by Steve.
 - Rec Department Summer Newsletter / Schedule of Events publication deadline is April 1.
 - Use Town E-mail Blasts
 - Dana to post minutes to Facebook.
 - Commemorative Front License Plate: Dave reported and showed a few examples. He will confirm cost. Design needs to be set by July 2017. Betty could have a sign up sheet at town hall for those interested in getting a plate. ACTION by Dave
 - Sunapee Graniteworks 250th Item: Contact pending. ACTION by Brenda
 - Graphically Enhanced 250th Website: Barbara reported that Sharon Thielicke is willing to volunteer to create a website for us like Acworth's 250th which would be linked to our town website page. She likes the Wix features rather than Wordpress. Wix cost for 2 year active website including domain name (sunapee250.org) and hosting is \$15/month. Acworth sells items and takes donations with Paypal. Barbara will discuss with Donna if this is allowable. ACTION by Barbara
 - Reunions: Brenda to take lead for Sunapee High School reunion organizers for 2018.
 - Eversource Pole Banner Use: Steve forwarded info to committee.
 - DOT Sign Permit for 250th signs in state R.O.W. near Welcome signs. Pending
 - Committee Report for 2016 Town Report: Ron to write Pending. ACTION by Ron
 - Old Hancock Custom Glass Ornaments: Ron will contact ACTION by Ron

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- Dave reported that the police will be doing a 250th patch for their uniforms and may have old-time uniforms for use during the celebration.
4. New Business
- Ron suggested an additional sign be hung below the 1781 dated "Welcome to Sunapee" signs which indicate the 1768 date. Project Sunapee to be contacted.
 - 250th Friday Night Ball: Ron will explore use of LSYC. Perhaps Dexter's Inn could be used.
 - Ron reported that a 1968 film of tourism in the area has been located in 16 mm version. The town has an outdoor film screen. Consider screening Billy B. Van's silent comedy film made in George's Mills. Event could be in George's Mills.
 - Quilt: Becky will take lead on the making of a Sunapee 250th commemorative quilt.
 - Wendy will compile a list of accommodations for out-of-towners. ACTION by Wendy
 - We need to sort out with Donna where and how commemorative items can be purchased.
 - Ron showed examples of other town's 250th history books. Perhaps this could be accomplished with a group of people writing about different topics, then edited by one person for consistency.
5. Next Meeting
- 7 Feb: Deliberative Session is Tuesday, 7 February. Ron to speak to our warrant article.
 - 15 February: Logo contest entries due
 - 16 February: Next committee meeting, 7 PM, at Safety Services

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Chalmers