

Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee  
Minutes – July 11, 2018  
Safety Services Building 7:00 PM

Present: Kathy Springsteen, Dana Ramspott, Betty Ramspott, Steve Marshall, Ron Garceau, Sharon Parsons, Becky Rylander, Wendy Nolin, Dave Cahill,  
Guests: Paul Howe and Natasha Osborne-Howe, Sarah Harkins, Patricia Halpin, Ryan Fluery, Arlene Adams

We held a moment of silence for the memory of Brenda Huff at the start of our meeting.

**General Opening Items**

On motion made by Steve Marshall and duly seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from June 20, 2018 with the following amendments:

We hung 67 of 74 banners which will be on a total of 48 poles.

Adjourned at 8:45, not 7:45pm.

Engraving on the stone was not part of Dana's motion.

Proposal of documentation of the weekend - Paul Howe: Paul presented a quote for taking photos throughout the celebration weekend and the cost of printed photos. He estimates that he would take two to three thousand photos that would then belong to the town. The committee talked about putting together a slideshow to share after the weekend and also possibly having print photos for sale after the events. Dana Ramspott made a **motion** to hire Paul Howe and a second photographer, Paul's daughter, for the total cost of \$2100 and seconded by Steve Marshall, subject to town approval, by the board of Select Board. The **VOTE** was unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Kathy circulated a copy of the current budget and also presented a \$500 check from Bar Harbor Bank. The bottom line currently shows \$20,903.86. We do have a license plate order out that has not yet been paid. We are also considering the possible extra cost for police and fire departments that weekend.

Member Expense Reimbursements: Sharon Parsons put forth an expense to be submitted for \$103.42 that was covered under a vote at the last meeting for the expenses of the bunting.

**Update on Commemorative item sales**

Bunting and Town Decorations: All bunting has come in and is up on the town building, the only remaining building is the High School and that will go up as soon as the new front roof is finished on the building. Bunting has been put on all school buildings and the Sherburne gym, the Town Hall, the two brick water buildings, the covered bridge, public bathrooms, information booth, and the ice skating building.

Plates: There are only a few license plates left, one hundred more have been ordered and are due to arrive soon. The Number 250th plate is going in the time capsule.

Arrowhead Ornaments: There have not been many sales at this point. We will be sure to have the ornaments at the different events on July 14th. We can continue to sell these ornaments after the events as there may be more interest closer to the Christmas season.

Decals: These are regularly selling at the Library and will also be on hand at the July 14th Taste of Sunapee event.

Banners: Total of 78 banners have gone up, with a few last minute business banners. All are hung. Steve mentioned that other towns have contacted him about information on the banners, our one suggestion was to make the font bigger so that they could be more easily read from the road.

### **Event-Planning Schedule**

Taste of Sunapee: Flyers have been posted around town and also in social media. The event will take place on July 14th from 6-8pm. Participating groups: Sunapee Heritage Alliance, Sunapee Rec Department, Sunapee Fire and Police Associations, Sunapee Historical Society, Stacey's Smoothies.

Parade: Dana let us know that he got an email from Michael Todd from the Wheelmen antique bicycles, they dress historically, they would love to join the parade, they would charge \$100 to participate.

Ron Garceau made a **motion** to spend \$100 on the Wheelman antique bicycles for the parade, seconded by Becky. The **VOTE** was unanimously accepted.

Grand Marshalls - Dana has a list of ten people over the age of 90, Dana has three confirmed participants. He is working on a car to transport the marshalls in the parade.

Sarah Harkins will contact the Budweiser Clydesdales to see if they are available for the parade.

Dave Cahill asked if there was a cut off date for registering so that there is time to make a decision about managing the space and closing of roads. Dave needs to plan a break in the line for crossing Rte 11. Dave and Dana will discuss the deadline and start posting it.

Others - fireworks, music etc: No updates at this time. Dave would like to coordinate with the fire department for the unloading and security of the fireworks throughout the day. The Fire Chief will be invited to our next meeting for this discussion.

Time Capsule Dedication: Ryan Fluery shared a list he put together of the many suggestions he gathered from different groups around town. New suggestions from the committee were a sample of lake water, pictures or video of the brick walkway with names on it. The committee also suggested some of the commemorative items. Ryan will narrow down the list to what might be reasonable and then the committee will review and make a final decision.

We previously voted on the money for the time capsule. Kathy checked on engraving on the top of the stone, she does not yet have an official quote. She talked about the 250th logo and putting it in the center and writing in a circle around the top Sunapee 250th, on the bottom, to be opened in 100 years. Approximate cost \$850.

The select board expressed concern about the location of the time capsule, as it will not be town property. An agreement can be signed that if the Archives ceases to exist the time capsule would belong to the town.

Kayak, canoe, water races: White Shutters has decided not to do the race for a number of reasons. Sue Mills from the Riverway considered running it, but have decided not to do it because of the number of volunteers that would be needed.

Closing Ceremonies: Kathy has invited a number of Government officials to this event. She has received only a few responses. Dave suggested inviting the county manager and executive counselor.

4:30pm Sunday Afternoon. The board of Selectmen will say a few words. Sunapee song, charter for the proprietary to be read. Governor read his proclamation of his 250th. Emcee - speakers - electrical. May need to rethink the location so that we are not across route 11. We discussed having the ceremony on Veteran's field. We could have the stage across the back on the baseball dugout. Possible bus to shuttle from the High school. Kathy will start to put the program together. Sharon will look into the cost of hiring a school bus and driver.

SAR Historical Exhibit: Sharon reported that this group will participate in the parade and had their parade registration to give to Dana. After the parade they could be located on Veteran's field as it would be safer and with more parking- possible 2-4pm. They will talk about the history of the Revolutionary war and give some demonstrations of weapons. Sharon will confirm the safety and that nothing is being fired.

Fairy House Games: Rhonda Gurney and her daughter would like to be at the hill behind the town offices for the Fairy House games on Saturday. She will attend the next meeting to explain more detail.

## **Old Business**

Postmark Application: Should be available for the month of August.

Publicizing: Ron shared the brochure and the committee discussed updates and edits needed. Ron will send out the latest version. Once ready Kathy will have Echo Communications do the printing.

Motion to adjourn by Dana Ramspott, seconded by Dave Cahill at 8:50pm.

**Next Meeting - July 25th - Town Offices**