

**Sunapee Sestercentennial Committee**  
**Minutes – March 21, 2018**  
**Safety Services Building 7:00 PM**

The meeting opened with introductions of those present: Dana Ramspott, Kathy Springsteen, Steve Marshall, Brenda Huff, Patricia Halpin, Charleen Osborne (PTO), Scott Blewitt, Sharon Parsons, Arlene Adams (Abbott Library Foundation), Tom Mickle, Tim Fenton Cheryl Meachen and Ashlee Rowley

On **motion** made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the February minutes.

The Financial Report is only complete to the end of February and does not include the donation or Town approved motions like the Fireworks payment, \$3698 in PayPal receipts which have continued to come in, doing really well. The total receipts to date are \$7514 including sales of license plates.

Tim Fenton of Project Sunapee reported that they are ready to do their part on Saturday. They are interested in nailing down a timeline because schedules get booked up early and they want to sign up volunteers at their meeting in a couple of weeks. Megan stated outside this meeting their intention to provide games but not food. Their role is more support. The games will be over in the River Road area as they have been before. Logistical pieces including shutting down during parade.

Information Nights - Kathy has one commitment to host a site. Becky suggested that Historical Society would do something once we choose a date (possibly serving Woodbine desserts). We are looking at Saturday evening July 14<sup>th</sup>. We would invite places around town to host events. They could serve food (potluck, dessert, etc.). One of our members would go and talk about Sestercentennial. To spread word and excitement. Project Sunapee is also considered doing a Harbor Opening earlier in June (on the night of the Middle School Boat Dance) as a welcoming and start to the season but that event will be distinct from ours.

Tim talked to Mount Sunapee and reported that they are willing to offer discounted rates by participants bringing piece of mail to identify as Sunapee residents. Kathy indicated that the committee discussed this previously and was concerned it would be too much of an investment. Tim suggested it could be \$1 per resident with \$1000 buy-in from committee. Tim suggested an alternative would be a \$4 charge without our buy-in. We affirmed that we would be willing to put it in our program to advertise but not underwrite it.

Charleen reported that at the PTO meeting last Wednesday they discussed promoting the weekend. They want to do family game event the week before school gets out, perhaps 6/16 during the day with badminton, bocce ball, croquet, horseshoes, etc. It would be the PTO's version of a kickoff before the kickoff while students and families are still around. Scott indicated that Veteran's Field should be okay. They are looking for suggestions and equipment for games. We could send brochures home with kids in end of year folders or at this event. There is not a plan to have food there.

There were no Committee Member's expenses requiring motions for reimbursement. Previously, Steve received his reimbursement and Kathy discovered a form was needed.

We discussed the use of Sestercentennial logo by other groups. We want community involvement but we want to be cautious about how it is used or what it accompanies. Steve suggested that it is the Selectmen's authority to decide. Those groups would need to go through Donna to the Selectboard.

Parade – Ron Garceau sent Dana an email suggesting that there be at least one marching band or bagpipes. Research shows that prices range from \$450-\$1600. We have already secured Leaping Lena at no cost. Sharon suggested that Londonderry High School Marching Band is wonderful and that they might appreciate a donation. Considerations might include challenge of our hilly route, perhaps using less than the full band. We need to encourage people to stand along Lower Main as part of parade route. Dana described that our route starts at Safety Services, goes up Central, into Harbor, River Road, down Main, cross Route 11 again, down Lower Main to High School. The question was asked whether we will have horses and Dana mentioned that there are two equestrians on the list. It was suggested that they should be well-placed so as not to be spooked by emergency vehicle participants. Dana wonders when to send notices inviting participants. It was affirmed that it is not too early for groups to begin planning.

On **motion** made by Scott and duly seconded, it was unanimously approved to request to spend up to \$3000 for marching bands in the parade. Dana will research the possibilities before we present the request to the Selectmen for approval.

Ausbon Sargent is leading a hike on one of their properties as part of our event. We suggested Sunday because the Conservation Group is leading a hike on Saturday. They are now thinking of leading a hike on the Saturday before on the Greenway up on the mountain where you can view Sunapee. They would advertise as "come the weekend before and see the town that will be turning 250 next week." It will be good to have another kick-off event and avoid crowding the weekend itself.

Plates – There are seven license plates left at town hall and 15-20 left at the Police Department. We ordered 100 and they have arrived. Theresa has them. David will have the invoice which has already been approved for payment by the Selectmen. We have about 125 available for sale right now.

Ornaments – These are not selling as well as the plates. We are hopeful that upcoming events will be a good opportunity to showcase them.

Banners – These have sold extremely well and are listed first on the website. The banners will be sold out soon. We can only use a certain number of poles. We have sold 46 of 50 although the request to Eversource was for 60 poles. Some were major junction points that may not be allowed. Eversource has been busy with storms and has not yet responded. We're not sure what their response will be, eg. what restrictions there may be on using poles. There was curiosity around allowing people to display them on personal flagpoles or in windows. We are charging \$100 per banner. The PayPal template requires \$95 plus \$5 shipping. There are also PayPal fees and some customers have not ordered other items

which eats into the price. We've allotted \$4900 for banners. Hardware is \$50 per set and we need two sets per pole – top and bottom. The total price would be \$5381 or \$5081 without shipping if they are picked up. We've brought in less than \$4900. We could offer others for sale but we'd have to inform customers that they would not be on a pole but could be hung on house and that the first 50 are committed to decorate the town. Due to popular demand and more people having expressed interest we could ask what the cost would be for single-sided banners. Once Eversource approves the pole usage, we can have the banners printed and pick up the hardware by May 19<sup>th</sup>. We have two meetings scheduled before that. Mike Ball and Newport DPW have bucket trucks we might ask to use. It would be a difficult time of year for Craig Hazleton. Donna would need to be asked about Worker's Comp and liability. The next Selectboard meeting is next Monday 3/26 and the following one is 4/9. Dana will attend in Kathy's absence.

On **motion** made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to order 49 banners (the committee already ordered and paid for one) and 50 sets of mounting hardware at a cost not to exceed \$5500.

Decals are selling slowly although the interior ones are sold out (primarily to one individual). At our last meeting we chose not to make more until they sell better. David is the contact. The vendor had trouble with a supplier initially. We currently have 75-80 of exterior only. They cost \$2.50 and we sell them for \$5 as a fundraiser.

On **motion** made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to order 50 interior decals at a cost not to exceed \$125.

Time Capsule – A vessel measuring 12 inch square interior and 15 inch square exterior will be donated by Chadwick Funeral Home. We would have to pay difference to Chadwick for larger vessel. Kathy will research the possibilities. It was suggested that Stone Vault might be able to provide one. Their shop is next to the PD in Newport. Committee members wondered whether we should also have a marker above ground as the Bicentennial one has a marker with a Bronze plaque and logo. It was suggested that we might approach the Stockers to etch in the logo and date002E

#### Time Table of Events

#### **Throughout the Summer 2018**

Sunapee Historical Society Events-Dates and Times TBD

Town Quilt Display

Sunapee Photo Exhibit

#### **July 12**

Hike Mt. Sunapee from Newbury Harbor with the Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge Greenway  
View Sunapee from the Summit-Time TBD (led by Tim Eliassen)

#### **July 14 Evening**

Town wide public meetings-Kick off to Sestercentennial Events

#### **Events Throughout the Weekend (check for times)**

Visions of Sunapee Art Exhibit at The Livery

Aerosmith Memorabilia Exhibit (Friday and Saturday 1-4PM-The Livery)  
Showing of Sunapee History Documentaries (The Livery)

### **Friday, August 17**

Lindsey and Her Puppet Pals-Dewey Beach 11 am  
Music in the Harbor 5PM  
Aerosmith Tribute Band-Draw the Line 6:30 PM  
Fireworks in the Harbor 8:30 PM

### **Saturday, August 18**

Wild Goose Chase Race 8 am  
Herbert Welsh Trail Hike 8-9 (40 minutes) (led by Tim Fleury)  
Community Breakfast 7:30-11 am Lake Sunapee United Methodist Church  
Parade 11 am (line up at Safety Services at 9:30 to Middle High School via the Harbor)  
Games (River Road) Project Sunapee 2-5 PM  
Historical Display--Sons of American Revolution  
Music in the Harbor 3-5 PM Sponsored by Sunapee Cove (Soul Fix)  
Music Rusted Chrome 5-7 PM Flanders Stage Sunapee Harbor Riverway  
Evening music/Dance-The Flames at the Livery 8-11 PM

### **Sunday, August 19**

Disc Golf at Veteran's park 9 am  
Love Your Lake Activities-LSPA Sponsored at the Harbor  
Antique Boat Parade 1PM  
Music Tom Pirozzoli Flanders Stage Sunapee Harbor Riverway 1-3PM  
2-4 PM Abbott Library Activities  
4:30 pm Time Capsule Dedication at Sunapee Archives Building / Closing Ceremony /  
Community Photo in Veteran's Field

The Abbott Library activities might include a storyteller, desserts and drinks, a Scavenger Hunt, use of the new projector on history of library (eg. Bruce and Babe movie; Bruce also does magic) or town; children's games in large parking area; word games, tic tac toe, hopscotch, or jumping on bubble wrap.

Becky was also very interested in pursuing having a Kayak or Canoe Race – something like the regatta which was such a big part of Sunapee. We would need a permit from the state. It might make sense to hold this a week ahead of time. It will be necessary for someone other than Scott to organize. Brenda offered to ask if Perkins Pond would take this on or even Mountain View Lake. Becky will check with the Yacht club.

The Fishing derby is also scheduled a week before on Saturday morning and will be done by noon.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the booklet to Scott.

Kathy will continue to accumulate information for the schedule and Steve will place it on the web. Kathy asked for approval for the invitation to begin inviting other groups and will resend the document via email to committee members.

Ashlee Rowley was present from Dance Arts Academy which serves 115 families. They are interested in being a part of the event in any way. Ashlee indicated that she is working on the Hospital Days Committee as well and knows most of Sunapee. She is new to the business side of things. She reported that the dance families and students know that this is a big weekend and plan to participate, volunteer, etc.. They are willing to host something at their studio or to travel to do something in town. She would be willing to host a 7/14 community dinner. She also mentioned that 7/14 is Newbury Old Home Days which might be a deterrent for some.

Sharon will spearhead dinners. She mentioned that up to 40 kids are working together for a week planning to participate in 250<sup>th</sup> activities doing things like building a float, participating in a scavenger hunt, creating gardens, etc. They kicked off with a banner with an aerial view of the lake overlaid with a silhouette of a goose. They are doing things like taking 250 steps, 10 at a time, learning along the way and discovering what can you build with 250 Legos.

Buntings – The Fire Department approved purchasing these for Sunapee and for the George's Mills substation at a cost of \$12.99 for 12 or more. Their total was 15 for the fire station totaling around \$250 (including shipping). The Historical Society has priced them but not yet purchased. The school may purchase some but it might be nice to have them provided. It would cost \$1000 for 75 if we were to provide them throughout town. The ones the FD purchased are polyester and the plan is to put them up on Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Sestercentennial, etc. We might consider purchasing them for historic buildings such as the Livery, Museum, Archives, Gym, current town office; SAU building; bandstand; Knowlton House (LSPA would buy); Library, etc.

A **motion** was made and duly seconded to allot up to \$1200 for purchasing buntings for the historical buildings in town. Tabled.

On **motion** made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to table the above motion on buntings. we could ask building owners to participate in funding;

Cheryl suggested that we invite businesses to participate in a joint decorating effort by purchasing their own buntings but the same type from the same vendor to show their Sestercentennial spirit.

We recall that the PD put in extra expense money in their budget to cover overtime associated with the Sestercentennial weekend events. It was wondered whether this was also true for the FD and Highway Dept. We need a better idea of what our expenses are. There is some concern about voters' understanding of the use of the \$30,000 when we ask for donations. Kathy said that the Selectmen consider it seed money but don't expect us to use it all. It is characterized as money used to raise money but they do know we're going to spend some of it.

The possibility of a Grand Marshal for the Parade was discussed. Candidates might include: Pi Malloy who has the Boston post cane; Rachel Osborne who is 102, has been asked and is interested; and Hazel. We were asked to come to the next meeting with ideas and be prepared to make a decision.

Our next meeting will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Safety Services Building. Meetings will be more frequent thereafter leading up to the celebration.

On **motion** made and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:20

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Meachen, Secretary