

SUNAPEE SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 October 2016

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

The above met at Safety Services for their monthly meeting. Anyone who hasn't gotten sworn in at the Town office should do so. The following was discussed:

1. **Officers**

Ron Garceau was nominated chair, vote of committee was unanimous.
Barbara Chalmers was nominated secretary, vote of committee was unanimous.
Steve volunteered to be webkeeper for the committee's page at the Town of Sunapee website.
Dana volunteered to set up a Sunapee 250th Committee Facebook page.

2. **NH Town Celebrations**

Kathy noted that NHPR has information on their website about many NH towns celebrating their 250th anniversaries; examples of commemorations are available. Steve shared ideas from the town of Washington, Ron from Newport & Croyden, Brenda from Charlestown.

3. **Commemorative Celebration Ideas**

Parade (separate from July 4th parade with a marching band and floats)
Fireworks (concluding or opening ?)
Band concert by Arrowsmith tribute band
Show Billy B Van silent films made in George's Mills
Walking tour of town's historic landmarks
Community-wide betterment project
Lake Regatta Water Sports Carnival (swimming, canoe, kyack, paddleboard, sailing contests)
Sunapee theme photo / art show by Sunapee residents
Commemorative ornament or charm
Commemorative coin or bell (continue with 200th design? affordable coin?)
Commemorative flag
Commemorative T-shirts
SHS Class Reunion
Local Talent Show
Time capsule
SHS student senior project
Update Bartlett's 1940 History of Sunapee book
Encourage Bev Cutts to complete her growing up in Sunapee book for 2018 publication.
Solicit memories of growing up in Sunapee and compile in a book or on a web page.
Oral Histories of Sunapee's older citizens – student project?
Dance
Ice Cream Social – involve Johnson family Sanctuary Farm
Cemetery Walk
Community softball event
Decorated boat parade
Community photo (at ball field using drone camera or from top of ladder truck)
Community B-B-Q
Bon-fire
Historical re-enactments
Skits of Sunapee History (similar to Woodsum Brothers Steamboating held this summer at SHS)
Commemorative cake decorating contest
Coordinated events that community organizations volunteer to hold.

4. **When?**

Discussion about several day event held at one time vs spread out over 2018 calendar.

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Tentative Date: **Fri-Sat-Sun August 17 to 19, 2018**, subject to further discussion with other committee members.

5. **Public Relations - Advertising**

Ways to reach out about the event, reunions, helping with particular events or tasks:

- Existing Sunapee-related Facebook pages
- Town list serve e-mail blast
- Historical Society, Project Sunapee e-mail lists
- Town website 250th page

In 2018: newspaper advertising and articles, street banner, street flags

Potential Community Partners:

- Fire department, Rec Committee, Conservation Committee, Schools, PTO, Alumni Association, Library, Historical Society, Heritage Alliance, Project Sunapee, churches, Lions Club, Sunapee Seniors, Sunapee Cove, LSYC, LSPA, Sunapee Gardeners, Riverway, local businesses, residential communities.

6. **Immediate Needs**

2017 Committee Funding:

- Within the next month, determine request amount for inclusion in March town warrant.
- Funding considerations: Fireworks (\$10K ?), advertising (\$2K ?) , banners, bands, Dana will check on street banner cost, Steve will check on tribute band (Draw the Line) cost. 1968 warrant funding was \$2,000. This amount in 2016 dollars is approximately \$13,500.

250th Logo Design:

- Multiple applications for logos - needs to be a unifying design.
- Loon lighthouse was logo for 200th, used by Town organizations and is a recognizable choice.
- Interest expressed in looking for a new logo.
- Logo contest to be held with entries due early in February 2017. Steve will report on contest parameter requirements, i.e. color, size, required content, etc.

2016 Town Report: Prepare a brief report from the 250th Committee.

7. **SHS Bicentennial Program**

Ron encouraged all to attend the free Historical Society fall program about the 1968 Bicentennial Celebration on Wednesday October 26, 7 PM at the Methodist Church

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Next meeting: 17 November 2016, 7 PM at Safety Services

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Chalmers