

Sunapee's 250th Committee Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Sunapee Safety Services Building

Present: Wendy Nolin, Sharon Parsons, Dana Ramspott, Betty Ramspott, Pam Stocker, Brenda Huff, Steve Marshall, Kathy Springsteen, Ron Garceau, Dave Cahill, Tim Fenton and Cheryl Meachen.

Excused: Becky Rylander

Copy: Barbara Vaughn

Kathy Springsteen called the meeting to order and welcomed those present by asking each to introduce themselves.

On motion made by Dana Ramspott and duly seconded by Wendy Nolin, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the minutes of the August meeting as amended to reflect that it was Brenda who was in contact with the Stockers and Wendy got in touch with LSYC not the PTO.

No Financial Report was given.

Pam Stocker was present from Sunapee Granite Works to discuss commemorative object Ideas. She presented photocopies of three images of a golden trout, along with a description of its significance and one of an arrowhead. She discussed her proposal that we use abstract rather than usual designs. Her son Brandon had proposed the idea that the arrowhead goes back to our indigenous forebears. It would be a simple **ornament** that speaks to the native roots of Sunapee.

The plan is to purchase these from Sunapee Granite Works and then sell them. Ornaments usually cost \$28 and it would be a 50/50 or 60/40 split. These would be exclusive to this group as a limited edition. They would be available exclusively through us (not on SGW website, etc.) A card will describe the item and it will come in gift box. The arrowhead would connect with the Indian cave legend and would be about three inches hanging from tip. We could order 250. The majority of those present favored the arrowhead design. Pam will return next month with sketches for further discussion.

It was agreed that each commemorative object we produce, eg. license plate, ornament, etc. will be rolled out in sequence and not all at once.

Tim Fenton was present from Project Sunapee and described their role supporting community initiatives. We asked if it would be possible to incorporate **RiverFest** as a part of the weekend celebration. The consensus is that volunteers would be difficult to find for Friday and that Saturday would work best.

The vendors for RiverFest could be set along sides to accommodate the parade if it was concurrent. Tim says PD wanted street closed off with snow fencing because alcohol was served. It would also include food vendors and entertainment such as music and games for younger children and has usually been set up between Pete's Shed and the bridge. The tents would normally be set up at 6am. We agreed that the major events scheduled to date are:

Fireworks – Friday 8:30

Parade – Saturday 11:00

RiverFest – Saturday 4-8:00

Boat Parade – Sunday 1-1:30

Tim wondered about our budget and indicated that renting a tent is a good hunk of money. Food would be included in the ticket price to get in, along with a couple of alcoholic beverages. Those present felt that if Sestercentennial funds were used it could be free and that it is our hope that everyone is afforded the opportunity to participate.

Tim is meeting with the Project Sunapee board this week and will ask what past costs have been to help us with planning. He said that an insurance rider is needed because of the event in general and

for serving alcohol. Dana wonders whether it falls under the town as a regular event for insurance purposes and that Donna would know. Tim will come back with an estimated cost in advance of our next meeting.

Dana and Betty Ramspott provided a **parade** update. They are working on letter on town letterhead to various prospective participants. They will send that along with the waiver with the town manager's approval. The letter will include the new time of 11am with a line up at 10am. The new route will include River Road.

Becky Rylander sent an email about the **Quilt** Project saying that it is ongoing and that she is scheduling the group to meet again in October and that it is still not too late to join. Steve requested information to include on website and to send to papers about the project.

Scott Blewitt was not present and there was no report on the **Fireworks**.

Steve Marshall reported that there is no additional information on the **Banners**.

Steve Marshall and Sharon Parsons reported that there is no additional information on the **website**. Dana runs the Facebook page. Steve reported that someone from town is supposed to be putting a PayPal link on the website but that has not yet been accomplished. He and Sharon also indicated that they need to touch base with the other Sharon to create a separate website.

Kathy Springsteen reported that the **Time Capsule** needs a dry spot and that concrete is recommended. If we can use concrete 15 inches square exterior and 12 inches interior, Charlie Hafner would donate that. It was suggested that we might need a granite marker, perhaps etched.

On motion made by Wendy and duly seconded by Dana, it was unanimously VOTED that we accept Charlie Hafner's offer.

The committee reviewed a comprehensive list culled by Kathy from minutes to make decisions about which ideas that have been brought up to pursue.

Banners – Yes. We need to finalize the design.

Commemorative coins – No.

Granite ornament – Yes.

T-shirts – No. We would be stuck with them and too many sizes would be necessary.

License plates – Yes.

Pressed glass ornament – No, one ornament is enough.

Historical building plaques – This idea is still in motion. Barbara Chalmers and Sandy Alexander are working on it and it will be the Historical Society's responsibility. These will show what year a building was built and Ron will remind them of that project.

Badge (not patches) for police uniforms – Yes. Dave has ordered a sample with an antique look, replicating the oldest badge from 40s-50s. The fire department would have them too. Officers would wear them for the year and then they would be put in a shadow box at end of year with names of officers who wore them. The prototype would be donated for the time capsule.

License plates – Yes. Dave and Steve explained that there has been a challenge in communication between the person providing artwork and the prison as to the acceptable format. The colors have been provided and we are waiting. Dave believes that we are still third in line, expecting our first run in January.

Dave also indicated that the Claremont police car had a **decal** with 250th and the town seal. Parker Reed, a freshman in town who has vinyl sign making equipment in his basement can do any color any size to be put on side or rear windows (inside or outside) and on fire and police trucks. One color using his equipment would cost \$2-3 we could markup to have a profit margin. We would start with 100 in Sunapee green now to get a little excitement going.

On motion made by Steve and duly seconded by Sharon it was VOTED to expend \$300 to purchase 50 exterior and 50 interior decals in Sunapee green designed and produced by Parker Reed.

Community wide betterment project – The school has already redone the trail between schools and could clean up others and put signage on trails. The school does want to be connected with this. Sharon will pursue.

Historical regatta – Ron talked with Greg Young doing steamboat regatta on Winnepesaukee about steamboat group coming here. It takes a tremendous amount of organization. The boats are 26-30 feet long and would be here for week with a place to stay. Each could hold 6 people. Ron will ask Greg Young again and could add it to our calendar of events but not be responsible for it. If it were to happen it could coordinate with the boat parade.

Parade – Yes.

Local talent show – No.

Aerosmith tribute – Ruled out.

Billy B. Van's movie – Sunapee Cove would like to participate and this might be appropriate but it could be difficult considering the construction which is slated to be a 13-month project. We will ask Tony, specifically about suggested parking. Becky can be involved in helping to find the movie. If Sunapee Cove doesn't pan out, we might consider using the inflatable screen. The George's Mills Boat club has an outdoor pavilion and quite a bit of parking.

Walking tours of historical town sites – This is a great idea but the Historical Society would have to do it, perhaps self-guided with map. Ron will ask.

Cemetery walk – No. Too many things going on.

Sunapee themed art photo show – The Livery or Project Sunapee might take this on. The Quilt might be shown then, perhaps along with **antique quilts**. The original idea is to hang prints like a gallery. Dave wonders what it would be like to project photos on the big inflatable screen. The community could come and watch on a repeating loop on the 20-foot inflatable screen. If outside, it would have to be an evening event; or we could put it in Sherburne Gym. Families that have been here for generations could submit photos and if it were scheduled Sunday for the closing ceremony we could add **photos from weekend**. It would be great to have a **community photo** at Veteran's Field taken with a drone. Dave can talk with John Ryder (previous minutes say that he has committed).

Fireworks – Yes. Friday with a rain date of Saturday.

Dave offered to help with use of facility forms to facilitate communication between departments as to use of each venue. It was noted that 8/18/18 is a big day for weddings.

Community BBQ – RiverFest can cover that.

Bonfire – The town does a bonfire for the school for homecoming (this year scheduled for 9/29/17). The mills in the area are helpful by saving long pieces of wood. The town highway welds a frame together, it is lit and whoosh, the kids get excited and they last 20 minutes, tops. We don't use pallets because they leave nails that puncture tires. Dana and Wendy don't think it will draw or hold a crowd. It was agreed to scratch this.

Commemorative cake decorating contest – (or pie eating) Scratch this.

Friday night ball – This idea was previously scratched.

Tourism film screening – This was previously done in 1968. We could farm this project out to the Historical Society perhaps for another night in July or that Thursday.

RiverFest – Yes.

Music events – Brenda reported that there are already two events planned that weekend and she will check to see when those are scheduled, hoping that one is Friday before the fireworks.

Love your lakes day – LSPA

Derby – Scott has reported that this will be held on a different weekend.

Quilt – Yes.

Time capsule – Yes.

Class reunion – This is happening anyway.

Welcome to Sunapee sign with 250th – Wendy suggested that everybody can sign this and it can be placed on the Veteran's Field chain link fence that weekend. Paint N' Place is local, is very good to us and has a fast turnaround. Dave will check out costs. He needs an email with wording. The sign will be 30x3. Ron will do mockup and provide to Dave. We will need to put in posts to hold up and can angle it with hill to face west (where those traveling east can see) at Sunapee Emergency Services.

High school senior project – Sharon suggested that perhaps a student would be interested in music or history and could design something. One student is working with Becky on history and will be done in May. Sharon will check to see whether the student will share on the big screen during our event.

Books, articles, Oral histories – The Historical Society will handle this. Ron could help put these into a little book with input from Jo Hill and Janet and Gordon Ramspott and all those people who know so much about town history. Tim wondered whether Barbara has also talked about doing that.

Lion's Club – There will be a band in the harbor from 6-8 on Friday on Fireworks night, perhaps with BBQ. Ron believes people who've been working might like to attend not having to cook. Although Tim says Fireman's BBQ is the stuff of legends, Steve believes there is too little return for the great deal of work involved. Dana says Sunapee resident Rick Hamell does BBQ for a business now. Another alternative might be to have the Lion's Club Food Truck. Sharon will talk to Tracy Mangione and Steve could contact Jim Currier.

Tim asked about reaching out to the Mountain to see, if we were to pay or give donation, whether they would run the lift for free for the day for Sunapee residents. The Mountain likes to participate with local towns and it would be a wonderful way to see Sunapee. Wendy will contact them and we will shoot for Sunday when they do their aerial rides anyway. Residents may need to produce a school ID, Driver's License, transfer station sticker or piece of mail to prove their identity.

Kathy will compile information using the calendar, old list and minutes to facilitate a conversation at our next meeting about times and scheduling.

On motion made by Steve and duly seconded by Dana it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm at the Safety Services Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Meachen, Secretary

Mission statement for the Town of Sunapee 250th Committee

It is the mission of the Sunapee 250th committee to advocate for funding, programming of events and coordination

of citizens to attend the events. The committee will further advise and assist the town with facilitating and communication of events throughout the year so to bring the community together in celebration of our 250th.

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