

**Chester 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**7:00 PM**

**Members present:**

Jean Methot, Chairman  
Chris Hadik, Vice Chairman  
Jeff Dinopoulos (remotely)  
Sue Rieter  
Edward Stuart

**Members absent:**

Rhonda Lamphere, Treasurer  
Nancy Jolin

**Guests present:**

Jay Bishop  
Lynn Rockwell (remotely)  
Stephen O. Landau, Liaison  
Chester PACT

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Methot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. Attendance/Chairman's Announcement**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. November 16, 2021**

*Mr. Hadik moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2021, meeting as written. Ms. Rieter seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Member Comments**

**a. Additions/Deletions**

The Committee discussed the requests from the Town Fair Committee regarding combining the Town Fair and the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration's grand finale:

1. The 300<sup>th</sup> Committee will provide vendors with offsite parking and transportation. The Board of Selectmen have discussed obtaining insurance to cover residents willing to provide offsite parking on their property.
2. The two groups will share the school parking lot for de-staging the parade and residents with parking permits that will be handed out by the Town Fair Committee.
3. The 300<sup>th</sup> Committee will be responsible for the music. The Town Fair Committee would like the 300<sup>th</sup> to hire the same band that has performed in the past.
4. The 300<sup>th</sup> Committee members will stay until the fireworks are over.

Members of the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee have reservations about the arrangements, but they understand that compromises must be made. Mr. Hadik will attend the Town Fair Committee meetings to serve as a liaison between the two groups.

*Mr. Hadik moved that the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee join with the Town Fair Committee to hold a grand finale celebration on September 24, 2021. Mr. Dinopoulos seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed 4-0-1.*

## 5. Old Business

### a. Updates – Upcoming Events

#### i. Winter Carnival

There was no update on the Winter Carnival. The Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee is not meeting in December; Mr. Hadik will attend their next meeting. Selectman Landau will ask a member of the SHFAC to attend the next 300<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting. He also spoke with the Town Administrator and requested the materials for the bonfire being collected at the Transfer Station be moved to the farm. The Committee discussed the possibility of the SHFAC building a skating rink. Mr. Bishop said the UNH Figure Skating team is willing to send soloists to perform. A schedule of events needs to be created.

#### ii. Proclamation

The Committee discussed the logistics of Proclamation Day, including ordering Porta Pot-ties, coordinating with the police department, inviting artisans for the reenactment and a revolutionary band, firing the cannons, parking arrangements, and obtaining a stage from Manchester. Mr. Jack Cannon has tentatively agreed to serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Invitations will be sent after the holidays to bordering towns that were part of Chester in the past.

The Committee discussed alternative plans in case of inclement weather, which would involve using the church. Chairman Methot will contact Bob Grimm regarding a sound system; the system at the tree lighting was too quiet.

Selectman Landau suggested inviting a revolutionary band and a civil war band to participate. Following the invocation, Miss New Hampshire will sing.

The Committee still plans to meet with the Ladies Auxiliary regarding sewing the bunting and decorations. Bunting needs to be ordered for Stevens Hall, the Post Office, the library, and the Church vestry. The Committee needs to advertise that residents can order decorations for their homes. The Committee will discuss how to do this at the January meeting. Mr. Bishop suggested holding a house decorating contest.

Mr. Bishop said the parade banners should be ordered January through March. They can be put on PVC pipe and set up at events. The boulevard banners can be up from April 15 through October 15. Ms. Rieter can work on the boulevard banners once she has the information to put on them. Residents can order bunting to install at their own homes.

The number and type of food vendors needed was discussed. The time capsule burial and dedication was discussed, including the timing and the type of capsule to be ordered.

Chairman Methot has asked the state senator and three representatives for proclamations. Invitations will be sent to them. The Committee discussed obtaining a flag that has been flown over the White House.

Mr. Bishop has researched using trolleys as parking shuttles and reported the results. Selectman Landau suggested speaking with CART regarding using their buses.

**6. Next meeting – January 18, 2022**

**7. Adjourn**

*Mr. Hadik moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stuart seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary