

Minutes of June 14, 2017

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM at Stevens Memorial Hall. In attendance Jean Methot, Ed Stuart, Chris Hadik, Rhonda Lamphere.

Action on minutes from 3/20/17 meeting. Chris Hadik mentioned a couple minor changes. All approved the changes.

First item on the short agenda at tonight's meeting was regarding marketing of our 300th celebration. We need to do a town-wide mailing of flyers regarding the logo contest and daffodil bulb sale. Flyers for the daffodil sale (our second agenda topic) have been placed around town at the Town Offices and the Library. Flyers were available to the public at the recent Town Meeting in May.

We would like to get as many local businesses interested as possible in financial support for the bulb project, which first would start with along the stone walls of the Village Cemetery in the center of town. This is a beautification project - not a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Every dollar that comes in for bulbs goes directly to the purchase of these hardy (rodent proof) bulbs, including fertilizer. And, of course, residents may purchase bulbs for planting on their own properties.

An idea suggested was to place an engraved brick paver (for the purchase of \$100. worth of bulbs), next to the daffodils along 102, 121/121A, engraved with - "Donated by...."; "In Memory of....."; or just a family name; or "In Honor of....."; etc. Ed Stuart will check with his wife about a source for the pavers as she was involved with such a project for the school.

A list of all local businesses is needed for the direct mailing -- get it off the internet? Who will be in charge of this? Discussion was held regarding how many pages this mailing would be, and whether to have 1-2 pages (cover letter of explanation needed), and whether to staple or seal. Seal is safer for mailings. Might be able to use the Town bulk mailing permit? Jean M. will speak with Debra at Town Office regarding doing this and he'll check on the cost of mailing. We could include a link in the mailing about the logo contest requirements, etc.

We want to have an article done in the Tri-Town Times -- Jean Methot will be speaking with someone from the paper about doing that. It was suggested getting something posted on the Chester Front Porch site on Facebook also. We need to find out from Tim Bortz and Ed Karjala about previous ideas to start a website for the 300th plans. Neither were present at this month's meeting. We need to know the status of this as soon as possible.

We will be holding monthly 300th Celebration meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning in July. Meetings run only an hour.

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th, 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pepper, Secretary
