

**300th Anniversary Celebration
16 September 2020
Approved Minutes**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, with the following additional members present Rhonda Lamphere, Chris Hadik, Jack Cannon, Nancy Jolin, Ed Stuart, and Sue Rieter.

2. ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2020

Mr. Hadik motioned to accept the August 18, 2020 minutes. Mr. Stuart seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - Tabled

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Event Central

Jay noted this is the third read of the sponsorship package. 62 parade banners, 104 banner carriers, 200 frisbees, cups, bags, etc.

Jay recommended giving a choice to those at the top level of the dance or barbeque. 92 tickets between two events. 40 will have choice of tickets and the rest will be barbeque only.

Mrs. Lamphere indicated she hopes the parade will go for two hours and will have fireworks from 8-9. Mrs. Lamphere indicated she feels better about giving away 40 tickets to gala. Ms. Jolin noted some just want advertising. Jay noted a coupon could be redeemed. Sometimes sponsors give tickets to clients.

Jay noted the programs round up to five plus pages of advertising. Mr. Hadik noted the size of the page can be changed from 1/5 page to 1/8 page. Mrs. Lamphere recommended half page for event and upcoming events on the reverse.

Jay indicated there are always comments about scarecrows and should do a large patriotic scarecrow at the 300th and have a scarecrow float in the parade. Mr. Methot indicated they are going to do a trolley car on a trailer with scarecrows in it.

b. Ornaments (Sue Rieter)

Ms. Rieter indicated she heard back from the ornament company and came up with a 3-D design. Approximately half of the 2020s are sold. Should probably buy 250 at \$9.

Mrs. Lamphere added the Committee should think about mugs. Have mugs from Great Bay Pottery on the website for \$28. Mr. Stuart indicated he was out of mugs.

Mrs. Rieter noted the ornament company wants a commitment by October. Mr. Hadik noted Ms. Rieter should decide on the sample.

Mr. Hadik motioned to allow Sue Rieter to make the decision on the ornament. Ms. Jolin seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Pageant (update)

Mr. Methot noted the teachers at Pinkerton Academy want to read over the script so it looks like it will be happening. Mrs. Lamphere recommended early November.

d. Fireman's Muster

Mr. Hadik noted concerns with the Fire Department using the field were discussed with Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission and they see no issue with field use, just want to make sure field isn't damaged.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. 5K Race (David & Maria Veale)

Mr. Veale indicated the Pounder is a 5k race and could use the same path. The race should take 30-45 minutes and begin at 9 AM. Mr. Veale recommended having a shuttle bus from Spring Hill Farm for parking. Anticipate no more than 150 participants.

Mr. Methot recommended giving out prizes as well as t-shirts for participation.

Mr. Veale indicated police and EMT are required. Can come back with cost estimates. Patrick Connelly recommended an entry fee of \$25-\$40. Granite State Communications could sponsor. Jay noted you can't do individual sponsorships that compete with sponsorship packages.

Mrs. Lamphere recommended checking on insurance with the Town and having the Veales back in February.

Mr. Methot noted the Committee will want to recognize all volunteers and helpers. The Committee will do the programs, just need to know how to set up. Mr. Veale indicated there will be 10-20 volunteers.

b. Car Show (Kevin & Kiki Branley)

Kevin Branley indicated the Car Show could be held at the Chester Academy parking lot and will need room for spectators to park. Mr. Hadik recommended a different day than the Town Fair to have more space. Ms. Jolin recommended 4th of July with the ice-cream social.

Mrs. Lamphere noted they are trying to have a concert on July 3rd. Mrs. Branley indicated they have people from clubs willing to help out and could do a blood drive if possible. Mr. Branley noted participants could be given a participation ribbon and they usually do a raffle.

Mr. Hadik noted there could be vendors for food. Mrs. Branley indicated flyers are usually handed out for future events. A ballot could be used for judging. Mr. Branley would like to see a group like the Lion's Club spearhead and help.

Mr. Methot noted a date of July 3, 2022 and recommended putting together a budget. The Committee discussed having a booklet to hand out at the 2021 Town Fair.

Mr. Methot recommended having the Branleys come back on November 18th.

Mrs. Rieter recommended having goodie bags at the car show.

c. Joe B.

Mr. Methot noted the radio guy was unable to come and will reschedule with him. He reads books on tape as well. Could use his voice on mic for the parade. Wants to volunteer time for whatever we need. Need to look into a sound system.

Mr. Cannon recommended asking Bob Grimm what we can have.

d. First Regiment

Mr. Methot noted the fee would be \$600-\$650 and they will come the day before Proclamation Day and stay.

Jay noted they ask for firewood, hay, bathroom facilities and maybe a shower.

e. Proclamation Day

Mr. Methot noted this should be discussed with the BOS. Selectman Landau indicated he would spearhead that event. The BOS has to write to the Governor to obtain the Proclamation. Mr. Cannon noted he would go to the BOS meeting and will call Selectman Landau.

6. Next Meeting: October 14, 2020.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Lamphere motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Ms. Rieter seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Hoijsen, Recording Secretary