

Chester 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting
November 16, 2021
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM

Members present:

Jean Methot, Chairman
Chris Hadik, Vice Chairman
Rhonda Lamphere, Treasurer
Nancy Jolin (remotely)
Sue Rieter
Edward Stuart

Members absent:

Jeff Dinopoulos

Guests present:

Recreation Director Corinna Reishus
Town Fair Committee Members
Town Administrator Debra Doda
Jay Bishop
Stephen Landau, Selectmen's 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. October 26, 2021

Mr. Hadik moved to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2021, meeting as written. Ms. Lamphere seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Meeting with the Town Fair Committee

The Town Fair Committee and the 300th Anniversary Committee discussed the logistics of holding the Town Fair and the final event of the 300th Anniversary Celebration on the same day. The two groups need to share the soccer field. A suggestions was made to spread the event over three days, but that would put a strain on the Fire Department and the Police Department, as well as the volunteers.

The 300th Committee will take care of parking, although the Town Fair Committee is concerned about families having to take a shuttle bus to a remote parking lot. The Town Fair Committee will need more volunteers to accommodate the increased number of attendees. The timing of the parade was discussed, and the possibility of holding it earlier in the day. The Town Fair Committee is concerned about how the parade will impact the vendors.

Mr. Bishop discussed how having the two events on the same day could benefit both groups. He suggested having a spaghetti supper the evening before, as the tent and the sound system will be set up. He suggested paying entertainers from the parade to play at the Town Fair. He will present a list of possible entertainers to the Town Fair Committee.

Selectman Landau said the Board of Selectmen will hire 10-15 individuals to clean up on Sunday morning. They will also pay returning students who will be selling tickets. The 300th Committee members are willing to volunteer at the Fair when they are not occupied with the parade.

A decision was not made as to whether both events will be held on the same day. The Town Fair Committee will get back to the 300th Committee with a decision as soon as possible.

4. Old Business

a. Updates – Past Events

i. CA Photo

The photo of the Chester Academy students forming the numbers "300" has been taken. It will not be released until it is printed in the book.

b. Updates – Upcoming Events

i. Christmas Tree Placement & Lighting Event

1. Tree & Tree Decorations

Ms. Lamphere will be the emcee for the event. A tree has been donated by Larry Dillon of Dillon Old Farm Nursery; a sign will be made to acknowledge the donation. The lights and the topper have been purchased. Road Agent Mike Oleson has arranged for the tree to be erected on November 29th. It will be decorated on November 30th.

2. Stevens Hall Decorations

Selectman Landau will have the Town Maintenance Department decorate the town buildings. Chairman Methot has decorations for Stevens Hall. Mr. Bishop offered suggestions for decorating.

3. Program

The program is coming together and needs to be to the printer by November 22nd.

4. School Attendance

The Chester Academy chorus will sing with the Manchester Choral Society and also can sing carols.

5. Refreshments

The Lions Club will share the cost of the refreshments 50/50 with the 300th Committee. A donation jar will be put out and the Lions Club will keep any donations. The refreshments will be served in Stevens Hall.

ii. Christmas in the Village

The event will be held on December 4th. The committee has two offers for locations to set up a table to sell 300th Celebration goods, from Back in Thyme Wellness and Herbs and from a sponsor. A decision will be made this week.

iii. Proclamation Day

Ms. Rockwell said the Girl Scouts will help serve the refreshments in uniform.

iv. Other

Sales went well at the event on Sunday. \$1,004 was raised. Orders were taken for the third ornament in the series.

5. New Business

a. Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting about decorations

Chairman Methot has spoken with the Auxiliary and will get a date and a time for a meeting. They do plan to do the downtown decorations, including Stevens Hall, the Post Office, the church, and the Library.

b. Future Meetings

i. December 14th

ii. January 17th

6. Executive Session

a. Non-Public -RSA 91-A:3,IIc

Ms. Lamphere moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,IIc, Reputation. Mr. Hadik seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The camera was turned off at 9:08 PM.
The meeting room was re-opened at 9:15 PM.

Ms. Lamphere moved that the Committee come out of non-public session. Mr. Hadik seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Return to Regular Meeting

Ms. Lamphere moved that the minutes for the non-public session be sealed indefinitely. Mr. Hadik seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary