

CHESTER 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES

Committee Chair Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

In attendance: Jean Methot, Jack Cannon, Rhonda Lamphere, Chris Hadik, Ed Stuart

MINUTES OF 10/18/17 MEETING:

Jean asked if there was any action on the last minutes from the October meeting. Chris Hadik asked for a change in the 2nd paragraph, that he knew of some people who "may be interested" in participating in the play for the 300th celebration. Rhonda Lamphere requested correction in the spelling of Lynn Fawcett's last name. Chris Hadik made a motion to approve the changes in the Minutes. Rhonda seconded and all accepted.

300th CELEBRATION:

Questions were brought up regarding who would actually be "in charge" of the Town Fair in the 2nd year of our Celebration (Sept. 2022) - whether the Rec. Dept. would be handling all the planning, or if Ed Karjala and Tim Bortz would be working with them in the planning, etc. Jean Methot will contact Corinna from the Rec. Dept. to find out if there has been discussion or any decisions made as of yet. Parking will be a huge issue for this event.

Jack Cannon said he and Steve D'Angelo would like to see some activities take place at Spring Hill Farm. Again, parking would be an issue there as well. Chris Hadik suggested turning one of the fields there into a parking area. Jack said he will keep our Committee up to date as information becomes available to him regarding SHF use.

The topic of the military re-enactments came up. Jean mentioned there is a 2 year waiting list to "book" some of these groups for events. Someone is needed to handle that event. It could be part of the Town fair or be a separate event at another time over the course of the year-long celebration, depending on when a group is available. We need to talk to Tim B and Ed K regarding bringing this to the Town fair committee and see if this is going to take place during the fair time or at another time and handled by others.

Ed Stuart asked about the parking issue and how the people who do the Wason Pounder handle it. Some parking has been at Aggregate Industries with a shuttle previously. We could possibly do this for the fair to shuttle people back and forth every 15 minutes or so. Again, someone is needed to coordinate all of this. A lot of people would be needed to do signage, to handle the parking wherever it will be, handle the shuttling of fairgoers, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jean said he has received a couple more entries for the LOGO CONTEST. Ed K had offered to do some things on the computer for the Committee, but with his work responsibilities, he hasn't been as available as hoped. We need to get some advertising of the contest and try to get more entries before the DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31, 2017. We can either accept a winner from

those submitted, or reject them and go with a professional designer. We can try to get something about the contest on Chester CTV 21.

CALENDAR:

Jean feels we need to get a large working calendar for 2021-2022 so that we can plot out meetings and other events, known at this time, onto the calendar and start putting down other events that local groups want to have so there is no conflict or overlapping of events for the groups. We could start with school events, Town Meeting and Historical Society events that are often known ahead of time. We need to reach out to other organizations to think ahead about what they might want to have for the Celebration, and when. Committee members need to approach these organizations now and let them know they can also approach us if they need help with ideas or such. Rhonda said she spoke with Lynn Fawcett regarding the geo-caching for kids. Hopefully Lynn will be able to attend our January meeting to explain this to the Committee. People will need training for this event. Chris Hadik said this might be a good event to have for adults too.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jean wondered if we should do another mailing and asking the public if there are any events they would like to see for the 300th. Surveys could be dropped off at Town Hall or Library. We could get it out on CTV 21 also, asking for volunteers as well as ideas, and possibly set up a webpage survey. CTV 21 is a great way to promote the 300th and we should be using it to get information out to the town. Jack said he would speak with Joe Castricone about putting something on about the logo contest.

Jean said he recently attended a Safety Committee meeting and spoke with Chief Bolduc about coming before their board to discuss a possible muster for the 300th. He also needs to speak with Police Chief Berube about police coverage for the events for the 300th.

Rhonda emphasized the need for Committee members to get out and meet with town groups soon and try to report back at the January meeting. The Committee will go over the logo contest entries at that meeting also. It is felt that groups may have a difficult time committing to what they want to do for the 300th this far ahead of the actual Celebration. Jean said the Committee can work on a town survey at the January meeting also to get onto their website. In addition, we'll need to do an interview with Karl Knudsen on CTV regarding the need for funding from the Town (another Warrant Article), explaining how the money would be spent. This should be done by March or April 2018.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY ~ JANUARY 17, 2018 (No December meeting)

Motion was made by Rhonda Lamphere to adjourn the meeting; Chris Hadik seconded; all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Pepper, Secretary