

Oct. 16, 2019 250th Celebration Meeting Minutes

The 250th Celebration Meeting took place at the Meeting House and started at 7:04 p.m.. Present were Maryanne Petrin, Leigh and Happy Callaway, Pixie and Don Hill, Donna Tibbetts, Dick Hendl, Cune and Jim Bednar, Keith Cutting, Angela MacCreighton, Emily Cleaveland and Clifton Cleaveland.

Don welcomed the group and reminded them that there are just over 60 days left to the celebration and he is certain that the volunteers have it in them to make it to the finish line. He, also, gave an update on the lift. He has marked the front foyer and the upstairs as to the placement of the lift using blue tape. He encourages people attending the next few events be shown the outline of the lift. Don has been in contact with the architect and a structural engineer will be dispatched to look at the integrity of the building and to sign off on the plans. Don, also, proposed that the 250th Celebration order the lift before the trust expires just to ensure the proper use of the funds by the town once the trust expires on Dec. 31, 2019. Angela MacCreighton felt that the wording of the trust would not allow for that. Leigh Callaway also felt that the town's legal counsel would frown upon that and Selectman Dick Hendl said it would probably be better to proceed as planned with the money being gifted to the town. Don thanked people for their input.

Leigh Callaway gave the treasurer's report. To date \$105, 840.30 has been raised by the volunteers. There is presently \$72, 368.28 in the bank. There are only a couple of fundraising events left plus the sale of merchandise to boost the final amount that will be "gifted" to the town.

A review of the last several events took place. Attendance was low for the flower arranging clinic and Ramblin' Richard, but those that attended enjoyed the events. The Capital Crime of Witchcraft, the Historical Society Sponsored event, was very well attended and well received. Keith Cutting said that Margo Burns really gave a top-notch performance for the students from Kearsarge Regional High School who had come from Kevin Lee's class for extra credit. Approximately 60 people attended. The final Conservation Commission Hike to Royal Arch was

attended by 18 people and was a stupendous hike. The foliage was peak and the weather sensational.

Don Hill stated that the Conservation Commission would be willing to offer some hikes in 2020 but weren't committing to the number or the dates, just yet. They will communicate that later.

Merchandise will go to 50% off as of Nov. 1st until the end of the year. Quantities are limited in clothing, so the earlier people purchase the better the chance of getting the size you want.

A look at upcoming events followed. Vespers on Oct. 27, Nov. 3rd Pancake Breakfast, Nov. 9th Sip-a-Soup, Nov. 24 Special Thanksgiving Service, the Christmas Craft Fair on Dec. 7 and the Dec. 15 Tree Lighting, Bell Choir and Caroling around a real Christmas Tree (Selectboard approval for a fresh tree in the Meeting House as long as it is put up and taken down the same day), Dec. 22 close of the time capsule and sunseting of the trust on Dec. 31.

A list for donations of homemade soup was circulated. Don Hill volunteered to man the merchandise table for the sip-a-soup event. Emily Cleaveland circulated a sign-up sheet for baked goods for the Christmas Fair with nice reminder notes.

Emily Cleaveland and son Clifton wanted to discuss the upcoming Halloween Party. She was looking for volunteers to help with the haunted hayride. She had received permission from Darrin Patten to make the hayride a little more entertaining as long as they took an oath on 7-8 rules for the ride.

On Oct. 26 from 9-12 there will be another Collins Park work session. 250th Volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Keith Cutting had a question following the general meeting. He stated that several families from Sanborn Hill got together for their block party that the winnings from the parade were used for. He stated that a group from that event would like to possibly donate an item to the town and was wondering if it was better to create a trust or a 501C3. Leigh Callaway and Don Hill explained that the

trust was created so that the 250th volunteers fell under the town liability insurance, but that a 501c3 would be better for their purposes because then the group has total control over the money.

The next 250th Meeting is Wed., Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House on Four Corners Rd.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pixie Hill