

Sept. 18, 2019 250th Celebration Meeting Minutes

The Sept. 18, 2019 250th Celebration Meeting was held at the Meeting House and began at 7 p.m. with the following volunteers present: Jim and Cune Bednar, Pixie and Don Hill, Leigh Callaway, Fred Davis, Dick Hendl, Marla Binzel, Janet Lebrecht, Trudy Heath, Emily and Clifton Cleaveland.

Don Hill welcomed the group with enthusiasm regarding success of the recent events and the growing treasury. He thanked all the behind the scenes work that Jim Bednar and Poul Heilmann have been doing since the very beginning.

A motion to accept the August Meeting Minutes was made by Trudy Heath, and seconded by Leigh Callaway. No corrections were made and they were unanimously approved.

Leigh Callaway gave an update on the amount of money collected and in the bank for the 250th Celebration. Currently, over \$102,000 has been raised, with a total after expenses of \$69,711.17 in the bank. This does not include the income from recent TLV Golf Tournament, which raised over \$4300. Leigh, also, gave a brief update on the Charitable Trust. A meeting with Town Counsel, the Selectboard and the Charitable Trust Trustees has taken place and the advice of Town Counsel is to present the "gift of the lift" to the Selectboard and they can vote to accept or reject it. It does not have to go before the town at town meeting as a warrant article as it is a gift and no tax dollars are being spent on the lift.

Leigh gave an update on the time capsule. All contents that have been collected are presently at the Historical Society and will be moved for display to the library in Oct. or Nov. The process of cataloging the items is underway. An explanation as to why the item is in the time capsule will be done by the committee members.

A review of recent events was given by the point person of each event. Jim Bednar talked about the art show. While not a big fund raiser for the 250th, it was a well-done event which did bring in a lot of people. The displays were professionally set up by Elizabeth and Andy D'amico and Jim Bednar. When it

came time to talk about Emily Cleaveland's Dahlia Tour applause broke out among the volunteers. It was the most well-attended event the 250th event has had. The Hogg Hill community outdid themselves for this event, it was simply magnificent. The summer walk on the Kinsley Lot (town owned) had about 12 people in attendance. It was a beautiful afternoon and the Conservation Commission, led by Daphne Klein did a wonderful job leading the group. Lots of wildlife signs were spotted on the walk. The Meeting House Rededication was another wonderful event. Emily Cleaveland started the evening singing America the Beautiful, followed by a proclamation read by Senator Ruth Ward, and a letter written by Governor Sununu, also read by Senator Ward. Samantha MacCreighton and Jim Bednar revealed the new bronze plaque denoting the Meeting House on the National Register of Historic places. The event concluded with refreshments and a lecture given by Paul Wainwright on the significance of the Meeting House during colonial times. The TLV Golf Tournament was another success, with a lot of credit given to Adam Bray and Ken and Laurie Jacques and 9 businesses that sponsored the event and helped to raise over \$4300. It was a cool and cloudy day, but actually perfect for a comfortable round of golf. The Protectworth Brewery and MTB Brewers were present for beer tasting, Vespers seems to be drawing about 20 people each time. Fred Davis is happy with the turnout and hope it will continue.

Don Hill gave an update on the merchandise and wagon. The wagon sales on Saturday morning at the Post Office has been discontinued because of the colder weather. Merchandise sales will continue at several of the remaining events and the town office. It was recommended that the merchandise be sold at 25% off the original prices starting immediately.

A review of the upcoming events was performed and requests for volunteers were made for the different events. The Flower Arranging Clinic, Sept. 21, sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club will need some refreshments. Jim and Pixie will provide those. Ramblin' Richard on Sept. 28 is headed by Jim Bednar. The Historical Society is hosting the Capital Crime of Witchcraft on Thurs., Oct. 10. The Conservation Commission is leading the Fall Hike on Oct. 12th to Royal Arch Cave, sign ups mandatory. And the Mill Tour Hike led by Ken Jacques of TLV will take place on Oct. 19.

Pixie Hill gave a brief update on the status of the Old Home Day Committee. It has been decided by the OHD Committee to disband for the time being and hopefully bring back an Old Home Day in 2025 and every five years after that. Money raised this year (approximately \$4000, will be put in the OHD Trust at Town Meeting in March 2020)

There was no new business. The next meeting will take place on Oct. 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pixie Hill, Secretary