

January 16, 2019 250th Celebration Meeting Minutes

The Jan. 16, 2019 250th Celebration Meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House on Four Corners Rd. Volunteers in attendance were: Leigh and Happy Callaway, Jim and Cune Bednar, Poul Heilmann, Maryanne Petrin, Alice Nulsen, Nancy Bower, Trudy Heath, Angela MacCreighton, Fred Davis, Dick Hendl, Marla Binzel, Lynette Johnson, Emily Cleaveland, Donna Tibbetts and Todd Fleury.

The Meeting Minutes from the December 19th meeting were approved, following a motion by Leigh Callaway to accept and a second by Cune Bednar.

Leigh Callaway gave the Treasurer's report. The 250th Celebration has raised \$79,718.64. The amount currently in the bank is \$55,832.30. We are very happy with our success.

Jim Bednar gave an update on the hydraulic lift for the Meeting House. We have a design from Banwell Architects as well as a location for the lift. At this stage we are passing the baton to the Town and it is up to the Selectmen to procure as well as bring it to the Town Meeting. Dick Hendl has drafted a Request For Proposal (RFP) which Leigh and Don have seen and approved. The next step is to send the draft to Banwell Architects and Accessibility Systems Inc. for any notes. Hopefully by next week it will be approved and at the public domain. Dick Hendl will be sending the RFP directly to a list of contractors. Happy Callaway asked when the project could start. We are hoping for a target date of April 30th with a completion by the end of September as long as Accessibility Systems Inc. approves that timeline.

A concern was raised by Angela MacCreighton about the flow of bills and of overages if unforeseen work comes into play. Dick Hendl replied that any additions to the original contract will need to be done by change order and priced at an hourly rate.

Poul Heilmann talked about the event schedule flyers. They will be delivered this Friday and he will then leave some at the Post Office and the Town Hall. There will also be a copy of the Calendar on Facebook.

Poul also talked about the status of merchandise. We have \$8,654.00 in total sales. The hoodies and ornaments have been our biggest sellers. We have ordered 100 license plates and as of this evening 45 have already been sold. They are selling for \$20.00 apiece.

Jim did a recap of the 250th Birthday Party Event. Hats off to everyone the party was incredible. The spirit of the event was great. It was a high point for all. Congratulations Springfield!! Other Towns are recognizing our efforts. Poul has a 20 minute video of last year and our last event to show at our upcoming events. Also a copy will be going into the Time Capsule. Emily Cleaveland also asked if a CD could be made for a small price if someone wanted a copy. We didn't see why not so hats off to Poul for all of his work.

Jim talked about our next event on January 26th which is the Pulled Pork Lunch. The signup sheet was sent around as a reminder to the volunteers of what they have signed up for. Also the ingredients for those who had volunteered to cook the pulled pork would be handed out at the end of the meeting. Jim wanted to point out that the alcohol portion of the event was not being advertised. However, we have 4 different beer crafters coming to the event and anyone over 21 will be able to try 3-3oz tastings.

Just for fun Jim will be displaying a map of the United States and the world and he welcomes all to put a pin in all the places you have been. Todd Fleury was recognized and he asked for the event flyer to be sent to him. With the upcoming snow he feels there will be a lot of movement on the trails in the upcoming weeks and many snowmobilers love to have a destination. With the trails not being far from our Meeting House and having parking at one of the snow mobiler's homes it would be a great destination ride for many riders.

Jim brought up our February Event which is the Skating Party on February 9th from 12:00 – 2:00 at Lake KOLELEMOOK. There will be a designated area for skating to make it safe for everyone. The fire department will be clearing off this area. They have also approved 2 fires. One for warmth and another smaller fire for roasting marshmallows. The Fire Department has asked that the fire wood used for the fire not be pallets due to the nails being left behind after the burn. Fred Davis stated he could get scraps of wood for the fire and volunteered to bring all the fixing for s'mores. Pixie will be providing hot cocoa and Emily offered pairs of extra skates for the event. Todd wanted to know where the designated area was going to be so he could make sure and divert the snow trail away for everyone's safety.

Todd Fleury briefed us on the Annual Sno-ball Run which is February 16th. Starting at 10 am until around 2pm. They usually have from 35-50 riders but if the weather is good it could be more. It will be held at the Springfield Fire Station. It is a Poker run with 5 stops and will return back to the fire station for a cookout. For non-riders lunch is \$10.00 and is served from 12:00-1:00pm. All proceeds go to their Capital Improvement Fund. Volunteers are always welcome and a signup sheet was passed around.

Marla Binzel talked about the March 2nd Winter Hike from 1:00-3:30 lead by the Conservation Commission. They will be walking by Old Grafton Rd and Shad Rd to the Brook Lot for a total hike of 2.5 miles. Parking is still TBD and she is feeling that this will end up being a snow shoe hike.

OHD- no report or the parade committee they will meet Feb. 4th also forms are at the Post Office and Town Hall. Emily then highlighted the tentative schedule for OHD events. Mike Morris and Family will be playing as well as the Bluegrass band that was part of the Birthday Celebration.

Leigh Callaway brought the Bicentennial review from 1969 and read an excerpt from the report which was signed by our own Fred Davis. A copy is located at the Library for anyone to see and a copy will be placed in the Time Capsule. The next Time Capsule meeting will be Feb. 11th at 4:15 at the Royal Arches Room.

Open Floor:

Check out the calendar of events. With 36 different events being held this year it is joint effort from not just the 250th Committee but the Historical Society, Conservation Committee and Fire Department. Our hope is that there is something for everyone. We know that you might not make all 36 events but there are plenty to choose from.

Fred Davis wanted to define Vespers since many have asked what they are. Vespers is an evening service to Celebrate for the month. Give thanks through song and common prayer and is non-denominational. It is a reflection and quiet time. Vespers will be about 30 minutes the first one will be on January 27th at the Meeting House downstairs. Please remember in Feb. it will be held in the Protectworth Room at the Town Hall since the Meeting House will be without heat.

Jim Bednar closed the meeting at 8pm. The next 250th Meeting will be February 20, 2019, 7 p.m. in the Protectworth Room at Town Hall again due to the lack of heat.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela MacCreighton