

November 15, 2017 250th Celebration Meeting Minutes

Community members present: Don Hill, Poul Heilmann, Jim Bednar, Keith Cutting, Donna Tibbetts, Alice Nulsen, Happy Callaway, Leigh Callaway, Dick Hendl, Cheryl Lawson, Barbara Cooper, Angela MacCreighton, Trudy Heath, Janet Lebrecht, Pixie Hill and Todd Fleury.

The meeting began at 7 p.m. in the Protectworth Room. Don Hill began the meeting with recent developments regarding starting a 501c3. To institute a 501c3 for the 250th Committee exposes themselves to liability issues when holding events for the 250th. Town Council, Shawn Tanguay, provided the selectman with advice on what avenue should be taken. It was recommended that the group set up a Charitable Trust Fund, administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, elected positions within the town. Town Council will help Angela MacCreighton establish the trust. It remains to be seen how the committee will be able to have access to funds raised. Don Hill received advice from a tax accountant/tax lawyer that any donation made to a municipality is tax deductible. Keith Cutting made a motion to disband the board required for the 501c3 and be noticed by the town as a town committee. It was seconded by Poul Heilmann and unanimously approved. Don Hill, Chairman, Leigh Callaway, Treasurer, Pixie Hill, Secretary, Jim Bednar, Event Chairman, Poul Heilmann, Communications Chairman and Angela MacCreighton, Trustee of the Trust Fund will comprise the Steering Committee of the 250th.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the draft minutes from the Oct. 25, 2017 Meeting. Donna Tibbetts made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Leigh Callaway and unanimously approved.

The Fund Raising group has determined that \$75,000 is a conceivable amount needed to raise for the Meeting House Lift, fireworks, advertising, printing etc. Most expenses are to be raised through donation, not taxation.

Jim Bednar presented the calendar of fundraising activities for 2018 and the event calendar for 2019. Dick Hendl, selectboard representative, stated that the selectboard had not yet determined if the Meeting House would remain open for the winter months of 2018 as our schedule may not have enough activities to warrant the expense of keeping it open in 2018. This will be discussed at the next Selectboard Meeting on Nov. 27.

Jim requested point people for the first three events in 2018. Donna Tibbetts volunteered to be point person for the birthday party/kickoff in January. Pixie volunteered to be point person for the pulled pork fundraiser in February and Alice Nulsen and Happy Callaway volunteered to be the point people on the Antique Appraisal in March. Schedules may change slightly once availability of the Meeting House is established.

Donna reported on the Logo Contest. All posters, advertisements and entry forms have been distributed. No entries have been submitted to this date, but it's still early. Pixie reported that she has been talking it up at the town election and town office and sending entries to people that have expressed interest. Donna thought a reminder notice in the shopper before the contest ends would be advisable. She will be requesting a historical society member be a judge, a selectperson, a library trustee be judges, with an alternate, possibly Don Hill, chairman of the 250th Committee. Judging will take place on Tues., Jan. 2, 2018 at the Library at 7 p.m.

Poul Heilmann had lists of local and national businesses compiled by Angela MacCreighton, and asked the attendees for additional business names that community members utilize. It is the thought of the committee that businesses that have been supported by community members over the years may have more interest in donating to our fundraising. Numerous names were added to the list. A list of fundraising objects to sell such as commemorative coins, Christmas ornaments, t-shirts, sweatshirts etc. was made. It has yet to be determined what items will be selected, a cost analysis has to be completed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill, Secretary