

Oct. 25, 2017 250th Celebration Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by chairman Don Hill in the Protectworth Room of the town office. Community Members present were: Poul Heilmann, Don and Pixie Hill, Sue and Keith Cutting, Happy and Leigh Callaway, Cune and Jim Bednar, Selectman Dick Hendl, Angela MacCreighton, Trudy Heath, Janet Lebrecht, Alice Nulsen, Fred Davis, Marla Binzel, Donna Tibbetts, Cheryl Lawson, and Andy D'Amico.

Don presented a proposal for the Mission Statement to be adopted by the group. It reads: It is the mission of the Springfield, NH 250th Committee to advocate for funding, programming, of events and coordination of citizens to attend the events. The committee will further advise and assist the town with facilitating and communication of events throughout the year so to bring the community together in celebration of our 250th in the year 2019. It was moved to be adopted as read by Alice Nulsen and seconded by Leigh Callaway and approved unanimously.

Don reiterated that this committee would be working in a coordinated manor with all other committees that exist within the town such as the Old Home Day Committee, Mascoma Snow Travelers, Conservation Commission, Historical Society, Kolelemook Lake Protective Association, Springfield Garden Club, Friends of the Library, Friends of Fire and Rescue and other committees that may exist. He also stated that "point people" would be needed to take charge of teams. It would be their duty to report monthly to the committee as to the progress being made regarding ideas and suggestions.

The need for a treasurer for this committee was discussed. Leigh Callaway volunteered his services and has great experience with other organizations with 5013C status. A motion was made by Jim Bednar to accept Mr. Callaway's offer and Angela MacCreighton seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

Angela MacCreighton volunteered to be the point person for fundraising. Pixie Hill made a motion to accept. Trudy Heath seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Don suggested the LOGO Contest point person be Donna Tibbetts. A motion was made by Don Hill, seconded by Janet Lebrecht, and unanimously approved.

Poul Heilmann volunteered to be point person for "Communications and Public Relations". A motion was made by Leigh Callaway, seconded by Trudy Heath and unanimously approved.

Jim Bednar offered to be point person for the Calendar and Events. Pixie Hill made a motion to accept, Alice Nulsen seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

The official name of the 250th event was established. It is to be known as the 250th Celebration-Town of Springfield, NH. Leigh Callaway moved for a motion, it was seconded by Cune Bednar and unanimously approved.

A list of possible "gifts" to the town by the 250th Committee was reviewed. A gazebo across from the current Midgett's property, a clock on the steeple at the Meeting House, an access through Collin's Park

to the Rec Field. Post Office, and Town offices and a “lift” in the Meeting House to make the second story more accessible and upgrades to the kitchen if possible. After brief discussions, the lift at the Meeting House was decided to be the priority. A motion by Alice Nulsen was accepted, seconded by Trudy Heath and unanimously approved. Large fund raising efforts will be underway to make this gift to the town possible. Jim Bednar has arranged for a company that installed a lift in the Wilmot Church to come and take a look at our situation to see if it doable. That will take place on Wed., Nov. 1st. Donna Tibbetts reiterated that the lift has to be installed keeping the historical aspect of the church intact. Don requested from the audience if anyone had grant writing experience or knew of anybody with grant experience. Leigh Callaway gave the name of a person, Cindy Durocher, to contact. Keith Cutting had stated in the first meeting that because the lift could expand the square footage of available space for “Emergency Preparedness” we should investigate a grant for this purpose.

Don stated that Clayton Platt, land surveyor, was contacted regarding a survey of the town property known as Collins Park, across from the Historical Society and abutting Deb and Charles Midgett Property. Clayton has agreed to cap his services at \$1000. It is the hope of the committee that the Selectboard will approve funds to pay for this survey. If a connector from the Historical Society to the Rec Field is to happen, property lines are of utmost importance. It was agreed that the Midgetts’ be kept in the loop at all times. Pixie agreed to call Deb M. to report on said survey.

Angela MacCreighton reported that the Grantham 250th committee spent \$8000 on a twenty one minute fireworks display. North Star from Montpelier, VT was contracted. They only had \$1000 in donations and the remainder was through taxation. It is the goal of the Springfield 250th to have the fireworks paid for by donation.

Don reported that Twin Lake Villa has been contacted regarding a golf tournament fund raiser in 2018 and as an event in 2019. Laurie Jacques is the contact person for that.

Jim Bednar reviewed the proposed calendar of fund raisers and events. Slight changes were made and nothing has been finalized. It is the hope that a calendar for 2018 and 2019 can be cemented within 60 days.

Andy D’Amico reported that his wife has a contact person for looking at the pump organ at the meeting house. When this occurs he will report on the cost of repairs. Elizabeth D’Amico is interested in planning the Nov. 2019 event of a historical church service at the Meeting House.

Logo Contest!!! The proposed parameters for the Logo Contest were presented. A motion by Trudy Heath and seconded by Leigh Callaway to accept the parameters as presented. They were unanimously approved. Donna Tibbetts, as point person, will work with Poul Heilmann on getting the word out. She will also be finding judges for the contest, to be approved by the board. The first advertisement will appear in the Nov. 8th issue of the Kearsarge Shopper. All entries must be submitted to the town office by Dec. 28th and the winner will be announced on Jan. 7, 2018.

New business

The establishment of a 5013C was discussed at length. Don Hill reiterated that the procedure the Old Home Day Committee follows for fundraising and getting the monies returned to them at town meeting in March, means that any money we raise for start-up costs can not be made available until the following March. Also, with a 5013C. all gifts to the committee would be tax exempt for that individual.

A motion was made by Leigh Callaway and seconded by Angela MacCreighton and unanimously approved to adopt a 5013C. Keith Cutting made a motion to establish a five member board as required. It was seconded by Don Hill and approved with no objection. The board is as follows; Don Hill, Jim Bednar, Poul Heilmann, Leigh Callaway and Pixie Hill.

The next meeting has been set for Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Protectworth Room. A motion to adjourn the meeting by Pixie Hill was seconded by Trudy Heath. It was approved with no objection and the time was 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pixie Hill

Oct. 28, 2017 Addendum

It was brought to the attention of the Board, by Angela MacCreighton who was doing research on the application for the 5013C, that board members can't be related. Chairman Don Hill recommended an emergency motion to the Board via email that Pixie Hill step down and that Angela MacCreighton be appointed to the board, if she is so willing. Such a motion could then be ratified as the first order of business at the next regular meeting, but required paperwork to set up the 5013C checking account and the like could proceed in the mean time. Leigh Callaway put Don's motion into the following email:

Background for the record:

Angela MacCreighton's research indicates that New Hampshire RSA 292:6-a applies to Board members of a charitable non-profit organization.

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXVII/292/292-6-a.htm>

The RSA reads:

"292:6-a Board of Directors of Charitable Nonprofit Corporations. – In the interest of encouraging diversity of discussion, connection with the public, and public confidence, the board of directors of a charitable nonprofit corporation shall have at least 5 voting members, who are not of the same immediate family or related by blood or marriage. No employee of a charitable nonprofit corporation shall hold the position of chairperson or presiding officer of the board. This section shall not apply to those nonprofit corporations in existence on August 10, 1996, until one year after August 10, 1996, nor to any organization qualified as a private foundation under the applicable provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code, nor to religious organizations, churches, or the integrated auxiliaries thereof or to conventions or associations of churches. The provisions of this section may be waived with the approval of the director of charitable trusts after application for such waiver.

Source. 1996, 302:3. 1997, 184:5, eff. Jan. 1, 1998."

At the meeting of Weds October 25, 2017 the Board was formed, consisting of the following members, all residents of Springfield NH:

Don Hill,
Chairman
Pixie Hill
Poul Heilmann
James Bednar
Leigh Callaway

Don Hill and Pixie Hill, being “related bymarriage” may not legally serve on the Board.

A motion has been made by the Chairman that Pixie Hill step down and that she be replaced on the Board by Angela MacCreighton, also a resident of Springfield. Angela has indicated by email that she accepts the position. Leigh Callaway seconds the motion. Addressees please indicate your vote with a “reply to all.”