

## MINUTES-250<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Committee-4/30/18

Town Offices, Haydenville, Room 101

Present: Peter Banister, Tracy Magdalene, Delia Crocker, Marilyn Fifield, Brenda Lessard, Eric Weber, Dan Nye & Elizabeth Cranston

(pb) gave a report regarding some meetings he had. Met with Fire Chief who is on board for the fireworks. He also met with Stacey Jenkins at the school and the Police Chief.

1. On 4/19/18 (pb) met with Denise Wickland who is the Police Chief for Williamsburg. Plans were discussed regarding the 7/3/2021 block dance and chicken bar-b-que and a request for closing Bridge Street. The Police Chief will need letter two months in advance expressing the Town's wishes. (pb) also spoke to her about the closing of Route 9 for the parade to be held on 7/18/18. The Police Department will need to close the road from noon until 5pm on that Sunday. The Police Chief will contact Mass Highway and the MA State Police. We need to include the road race info also. There was no discussion regarding a motorcycle run yet as those plans are not formulated yet.
2. On 4/25/18 (pb) met with Stacey Jenkins, who is the principal at the Anne T Dunphy School, regarding the Town's use of the school, especially the gymnasium. She is on board with all the Town's request for using the gymnasium and allowing eating in the gym, the cafeteria, the kitchen and the hallways. Classrooms will be locked and not used. A janitor and kitchen worker will be on-site during the use per the Committee's request. We can use hallways for an art show.
3. On 4/25/18 (pb) met with John Svoboda from American Legion Post 236. They will hold the block dance and chicken bbq as a kick-off event for the 250<sup>th</sup>. There was also discussion of a motorcycle ride in the morning. Those plans will be refined in the future. The Legion will supply tents, tables, chicken, etc. with the profits going to the Legion. Will look to Harley Davidson of Southampton as a possible donor or sponsor.
4. On 4/27/18 (pb) met with Bill Willard and Steve Marson from Pyro City of Maine. The site at the Anne T Dunphy was okayed by them and more details will be requested as we get closer to the date. The cost discussed was \$5000. as a minimum cost for the display.
5. On 4/29/18 (pb) met with Worth Noyes who is the pastor of the Williamsburg Congregational Church. He has secured all three churches in Town and a mass which includes all the churches will take place on 7/18/2021 at 10 am at the Williamsburg Congregational Church.
6. On 4/29/18 (pb) met with Eileen Stewart. The date of 7/3/2021 is a date set to have the golf tournament. Eileen will spear head this event. She has not spoken with the owner of Beaverbrook yet.
7. On 4/30/18 (pb) sent an email to Pam Plumer from the Recreation Commission for permission to use Ames Field on 7/3/2021 and to have the Recreation Commission come into a future meeting for discussion of field day events and plans.

(dn) reported he has spoken with artists he knows. He does not want to rush a logo. He also will check out the other towns 250<sup>th</sup> websites for info on who does them. He also spoke with Willow Carey who's

mom was Greta Carey. Greta was the driving force behind previous town quilts. He would like to see about her possible being involved. Discussed making two quilts, one for historical and one for auctioning off. (dn) would like to see an art contest possibly with the Hampshire Regional Students. Discussed need for a booth at the Town Picnic in September. We will need a visual for a logo, and some posters by then. Discussed matching of old photos with new photos for a souvenir book. Starting a FaceBook page was mentioned.

The Committee will have a temporary logo as one side of the town seal references 1971.

(tm) has perfected her letter to MGM. We are asking for \$25000. as a start. They are opening in August.

A letter has been written to Florence Savings Bank requesting a donation. We are asking for \$5000. There was discussion of the other banks the Town uses: Unibank, Easthampton Savings Bank, Peoples Bank, Peoples United Bank and Greenfield Savings Bank along with Florence Savings. Letters will be drawn up.

Discussed approach to business for sponsorship or donations. We need a list of things for sponsorship with costs associated with those requests. Florence Savings suggested bigger businesses be approached six months out and households and residents two months out.

The committee needs a ballpark cost for all events. Banks and MGM will be asked now. (dc) told the committee we need a list of goods and what is needed with costs. If we can get goods or services donated that reduces the needs the town will have to pay for.

A letter (mf) will be sent to area towns notifying them of the upcoming celebration.

(dc) spoke to Maureen Crocker about the Town Calendar and working with the Pharmacy. More to come.

(dn) had some discussion regarding souvenirs and people using debit cards now. Possible issue.

(mf) spoke to the contact person for the Shriners. They will get her in touch of the person in charge of 2021. She also reached out to the Marquis of Granby, the Quobog Highlanders and some other groups. She has had no response back yet. There was discussion of civil war reenactment groups. Possibly one in Orange, MA. She also showed a possible parade line up map.

(db) spoke with Eric Cerreta about the art show. Possibly Maureen Crocker & Eric Cerreta will head up the event. Open to pictures only of Williamsburg and Haydenville to limit entries.

(pb) spoke with Stacey Jenkins about involving the school kids. The plan is to send a birthday card to each household for 4/24/2021 which celebrates the Town's incorporation on 4/24/1771. The face of the card could be drawn by the kids for mass production. This would include a calendar of events for residents. It would also request donations.

(ew) possible talk at the school on Saturday, July 17, 2021 on the flood. Possible inclusion of Elizabeth Sharpe.

(bl) brought up a possible "Ghosts of Williamsburg Past" which could include a cemetery tour. Also, brought up a "passport" idea for town businesses to hold an open house to allow a stamp of a passport. This would highlight our town's businesses and what they offer. Possible donations of prizes for those who fill the passport. Maybe run it from 7/3/2021 until 7/18/2021 and have people enter their filled passports at a booth in town.

(dc) possible MA Cultural Council Grant available. Local cultural council possible support. Look into having the Cultural Council come talk to the Committee.

Meeting for 5/16/18 will be cancelled. Committee is not ready for talking to the volunteers yet. Next meeting will be 5/23/18 at 6 pm.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of 4/13/18 and 4/18/18 as written. Motion so voted.