MINUTES-250TH Anniversary Committee-5/23/18 6:00pm

Town Offices, Haydenville, Room 101

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

(pb) gave a report of things he has done since the last meeting.

Pam Plumer-Recreation Commission, need to meet with them at a future meeting to discuss the use of Ames Field and the Field Day.

Rich Karowski is willing to head up the Taste of Williamsburg.

(tm) has sent a letter to Florence Savings Bank. The bank is willing to donate $5000. They would like the donations deposited into Florence Savings Bank.

Discussed sending a “thank you” card immediately after a donation is made. (tm) will send them out.

(pb) met with Mitch Cichy. He and his wife who owns the Northampton Brewery will be donating $5000 from both businesses (Cichy’s Garage and the Brewery). Mitch is willing to let the Town use his grounds for displays. Possible to hold car show there and/or buggy displays. There was some discussion about the Road Race planned and starting points and end points. The Committee likes the idea of holding the race off Rte 9 and along the Route that (dn) suggested. There are too many safety issues.

(pb) spoke with Jim Moran wo is willing to donate $5000. He also has equipment, trailers, etc. that the Committee is welcome to use. He would like to attend some later meetings of the Committee. Money will come after October.

(tm) sent out her letter to MGM a month ago. The Committee gave her permission to call them and reach out about the celebration.

(pb) is going to have some banners made up for the town Fire Trucks which will be in the Worthington birthday parade. The logo is not ready yet for the banners.

(tm) wants to mail letters to the other banks the Town does business with. She will send those letters on the old letterhead for now. She wants to sit with (bl) to go over the vendor list and pare it down some more.

Committee discussed possible bands. Trailer Trash has a local member who lives in Williamsburg. (bl) will reach out to get a price. Discussed need for 1-2 bands for Friday and Saturday night. (bl) will also check into sound systems and costs and stages.

(bl) suggested a business open house with a possible passport to encourage people to visit town businesses. Possible raffle prizes and prizes for winners of those who fill their passports.
(mf) has reached out to the Shriners. They are getting back to her. The Marquis of Granby are happy to participate. She has reached out to HRHS musical director, Dara Adam Smith. She has had no luck reaching a re-enactment group. The Holyoke Celdonean Celtic Band charges $1000. The Connecticut Hurricanes have not responded back yet. She plans to send a letter to area Towns to put the celebration on their calendars.

(bl) suggested have streets in Town to participate in the parade with “Street Floats”. The idea is to have a float from as many streets in Town as possible. Possible awards for the best. Discussed floats with themes such as why a road is named what it is.

Eric Cerreta will do announcements at the Parade in front of Dove. We will need a stage and PA system at that location.

(dn) will be looking at drafts of posters and flyers for various functions. Road race, art show, block dance, etc.

Next meeting will be 6/27/18 at 6 pm. (bl) will send email re: Fireworks to Pyro City. Also, she will check with Stacey at the ATD to allow the Committee to check out indoors at the school and school grounds. She will also send email to Pam Plumer re: fall meeting with the Recreation Commission.

Motion made (pb) and seconded (dn) to accept the minutes of 4/30/18 as written. Motion so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.