

## Minutes of Nov 16, 2016

### 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Jean Methot opened the meeting at 7:09 PM with 4 members in attendance Ed Stuart, Jean Methot, Tim Bortz, Chris Hadik.

Action was taken to amend and approve the minutes from the September 14th meeting making a change in the 5 towns participating in celebrations deleting Auburn and changing it to Rochester. Chris Hadik made the motion to amend; Tim Bortz seconded his motion; all approved.

CALENDAR - It was discussed whether to have a large white board or a magnetic board to display an event/meeting calendar for the 18months of Chester's 300th celebration. We would start roughing in the activities happening each month, making changes as needed. Chris Hadik will try to put something together for the calendar electronically to start with. The calendar for the public will consist of 18 months of events.

OTHER - Participating organizations and local groups, a list is needed of those participating in planning and organizing events to help keep everyone involved, informed and perhaps gaining some volunteers. We have to start contacting people to see what groups are interested in being involved and what they would do such as PTA, Boy and Girl Scouts, Legion, Lions, Town Fair Committee, Historical Society, Recreation, Congregational church, Wason Pounder committee, etc.

Tim Bortz contacted the State Postmaster General about having a cancellation stamp for our 300<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$20 and/or \$200 for special sets with envelopes. Printing up envelopes with our 300th logo, to sell, was another suggestion. Jean Methot will put together a list of local groups.

LOGO CONTEST - Possibly have a cash prize of \$100.?? Requirements for the LOGO would be: must state that it is the Chester 300th Anniversary, show the years 1722-2022, must be legible in reduced size. Discussion held about shape round or square? Undecided as yet. Anniversary plates were suggested to have for sale also with logo. Chris Hadik stated he'd like to see the logo contest mentioned in next year's Town Report, but other advertisement would be needed as not everyone sees the Town Report, such as on the sign by Stevens Hall. A report about the logo contest would need to be ready by Feb of 2017 to get into the Town Report on time. Tim will find out about other logo design parameters to present at our next meeting.

Tim Bortz brought up the idea of whether we want to create a "non-profit" for the Town? If we take in money, where does the liability end? Chris said we would be covered under the Town's insurance because this is all on a volunteer basis. Perhaps Jack Cannon could check into this for us. We'll get social media involved to "advertise" and promote the 300<sup>th</sup>, Ed Karjala had

previously said he would be willing to help in this area. Ed Stuart is also willing to work with Ed K. on this.

DAFFODIL PLANTING: Can we get a group of volunteers around town to plant daffodils for the anniversary?? It would need to be decided just where to plant them and if we would plant them IN ground or in BEDS. Pros and cons were mentioned of doing beds. Jean Methot said he would talk to the Board of Selectmen about where we could plant. We need to recruit people to do planting from groups around town, or other interested residents. Jean also has information about where to buy the bulbs. Ed Stuart suggested putting something out on "Chester Front Porch Chatter" to find people interested in helping out with this fall project when ready.

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 18, 2017 - 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pepper, Secretary