

300th Anniversary Celebration

Approved Minutes 20 June 2018

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members present: Rhonda Lamphere, Ed Stuart, and Chris Hadik.

Minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting had been viewed by members; **a motion was made to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Rhonda Lamphere; no further discussion and motion was approved by all.**

Beth Swanson and Maria Veale were in attendance to discuss what events they would like to have for the 300th celebration, possibly a 5K road race at the beginning of events in 2021. Beth mentioned that the Town Fair committee would like to have a road race the morning of the fair in September. Maria mentioned how morning would be a preferable time. Then participants could go home and change up, etc. after their run, and get back to enjoy the rest of the activities for the day. She said they still have lots of supplies on hand for participants also. Depending on the route for the race, the police would need to be contacted about getting detail for the route. The idea of a "Fun Run" for kids was mentioned for the athletic field at Wason Pond; or a street run around the baseball field or a run at Wason Pond. Beth mentioned how participants would most likely be mainly Chester families as there are many other races going on that weekend of our Town Fair. Beth mentioned how there are several areas where races could be done such as the Gladys Nicoll Trail, North Pond Road, and other loops around town. We wouldn't need the police if event was 100 people or less at Wason Pond. Beth and Maria said they would be willing to handle coordinating/organizing these events. They'll report back to us at a future meeting. Discussion was held about the Opening Ceremony after the parade at Town Fair. A stage of some form would be needed - townspeople have willingly donated use of their flatbeds for this purpose in the past and we would have the use of a sound system for speakers. A committee will be needed to plan the Opening Ceremony.

Maria talked about her daughter expressing interest in events for teens/tweens. Her daughter has some ideas of things that would appeal to that age group and Maria will talk with her further and get a list of ideas to present to the Anniversary Committee at a future meeting.

Beth mentioned the possibility of working with the Rec Summer Camp program at their closing when they have a BBQ for the kids and tying in other events for the kids at this time.

Jean Methot mentioned several of the ideas that have been brought up for the 300th Celebration, such as a pageant (a play about the people in Hampton who decided to help form Chester), (Kathy LeClair is in charge of this); a costume ball; garden tours; antique car show; colonial re-enactment (which needs to be booked a couple years in advance); virtual house tour and cemetery tour (will be planned by the Historical Society); beard contest; talent show; softball game. Even though a survey had been sent out to get ideas and potential volunteers,

there was very little response to it. We will send out another and have people return it possibly to boxes at Town Hall, Chester Library, and possibly the General Store. The 300th Committee will have a booth at the Town Fair this September 2018 to hand out information/surveys and we hope to have souvenir-type items for sale at this time, hoping to get people thinking of the upcoming big celebration in 2021-2022. We'll be looking to sign up volunteers at that time also. We hope to have a banner done also in time for the Town Fair regarding the 300th.

Rhonda brought up the subject of who would we choose as a Parade Marshal - who would we think would "fit the bill"? A couple of names were mentioned, including holder of the Boston Post Cane at the time.

Chris Hadik said he had spoken with Tim Bortz about the company (Northwest Territorial Mint) that we'll be using for our coins, etc. and that Chris had contacted them but has not heard back.

Sue Rieter, our graphic designer, attended our meeting and lengthy discussion was held about the design and colors for the logo. She showed a few versions on her computer for us to see and compare. Sue had done some re-configuring of lettering and colors on the backside of the coin for us to see. After much discussion, two options were chosen which Sue will enlarge and bring to show us at our next meeting in July. One version featured a forest green outside rim with white lettering above the church steeple which is on a lighter blue background. The "banner" below the steeple was shown in a parchment color in the green version; the second version was a dark blue with white lettering and a "gold" banner below the steeple.

Discussion followed about the opposite side of the coin which had a lot of detail. Sue will "clean up" the other 3 items on that side - the scarecrow, the flag and the gate. This design will work well for a souvenir plate, and hopefully will work well if it needs to be scaled down for the coin. We can submit our ideas to the printing company and see if they have any feedback if our ideas will work on what we want. **Chris Hadik made a motion to have Sue finalize our design for the logo/coin/plate to submit to the company and get ideas back from them if it is or is not suitable. Ed Stuart seconded the motion; all voted in agreement.** Sue will bring "samples" of the logo color choices to the July meeting.

Other business: Jean brought up discussion about paying Sue for all her time so far. She didn't want to submit a "bill" for her hours per se; being a resident, she is happy to be involved in this project and has been very giving of her time and skills. **Jean Methot made a motion to pay Sue \$350.00 for her work; Rhonda Lamphere seconded; after no further discussion, all voted in favor.** Jean will contact the town bookkeeper to see that Sue receives payment.

Jean said he spoke with the BOS regarding making a Town flag with the seal on it that is on fire trucks, etc. Might be nice to have for T-shirts, plates, etc.

Chris Hadik mentioned he had spoken with the Chairman of the Nottingham Tri-Centennial committee who will be holding their celebration in 2022. They haven't done much at this point

and would like to attend one of our future meetings, and Chris said he'd like to attend a meeting of theirs sometime.

NEXT MEETING - WED. - JULY 18, 2018 - 7:00 PM

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM; Ed Stuart seconded; all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pepper, Secretary