

250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee  
March 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Susan Baron, Fred Baron, Keith Bardwell, Adelia Bardwell, Judy Markland, Bill Smith, John Hannum, Jen Reynolds, Sarah Cooper

- Approved the minutes with a small change in wording from Adelia Bardwell.
- Report from Bill Smith on the contest, has gone out in the Scoop, he has talked with Darius, and Don will bring to Franklin Tech.
- Town meeting: basic idea is to have a table to sign up volunteers, and to be able to speak to it about what we are planning, that we need their help and to sign up as a volunteer. Should have a logo & slogan, have a handout to give people to read and look at – pictures. Include dates for the main celebration, parade date, dance date,
- Finalize the info for the flyer at the next meeting.
- Jen – reports back that Mike Pekarski, Nicole Ciesluk, Diane Tenanes, were willing to help with a Family Day. other ideas came – road race, triathlon. Barry Roberts interested in parade or pony rides. Tommy Dwight mentioned time capsule, should we put another one in the ground? Make it 50, not 100 years.
- Fireworks update – Sarah
  - Sunderland is spending \$6500 on fireworks for a 15-minute show. small family business, all-inclusive price. Willing to work with small towns and our constraints. Our dates are open. Feb '21 needs to have all the decisions settled. Start with Friday night, rain date Saturday.
- Event scheduling – Group agreed on tentative schedule of events all week building up to a big final weekend.
- Joyce reported on getting Gary Kloc on board for the hot dog eating contest, Paul Newlin agrees to help with a concert series.
- Fundraising
  - Judy – suggestion to do a tee shirt with a slogan – Whately: it takes all kinds – can be a way to celebrate diversity – it takes a village – Judy pulled out 10 or so photos for tee shirt/mug/calendar/print on whatever photos to submit. Make more than one each year (up to 5?). Calendar and tee shirts seemed to be the most popular.

- Raffle permit – Sarah Super Cooper will do it.
  - Town-wide tag sale – as a fundraiser – Jenn will follow up with the person who was interested.
  - Sarah suggested seasonal ornaments by our potter
  - Quilt raffle or, like last time – make a historical keepsake quilt
    - Can do both.] or solicit artistic items from local artists, Nancy T., Gabe C. , ... once a month pick a winner... tie in to the calendar. Use mem day and fall festival to display.
  - Gofundme page - Bill Smith – need a bank account first, and the non-profit status.
- Dance in April 2021, - may not have sufficient heat, so a bit risky, but we are hearty New Englanders and such things do not concern us unduly. April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mahar's (Pete and/or Mike) will organize the tractor parade.
  - Action items: Sarah will get the calendar with all the dates on things that we know we want on a particular date. Lots of room for other events to happen in conjunction with family day, parade, muster, etc.
  - Future dates: April 9, May 14, June 11th