

## **250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Meeting Minutes 4/12/21 – via Zoom**

Attending: Susan Baron, Chair

Keith Bardwell, Fred Baron, Kris Smole, Adelia Bardwell, Don Sluter, Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Ashlee Haslett, John Hannum, Bill Smith, Zach Smith, Brenda Clemons

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Agenda:

- Requirement for Minutes
- Parade - April 24 at 3pm
- Door Decorating - April 23-26
- Special Selectboard Meeting - April 26 at 6pm
- Lights Display
- Gift to Town
- June 2022 Celebration
- Other Business
- Next Meeting - Monday, May 10 at 7pm via Zoom

Requirement for Minutes as committee receiving town funds. We will look for person to take meeting minutes. Brenda volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

Parade is April 24 at 3 pm. John reported that there are currently 42 units signed up. FCAT will be live streaming from new balcony on the Whately Inn. Discussion proceeded to how to document all anniversary events for the town archives. Look into establishing a sub-committee to document events and create narrative. Suggested might check with FCAT about a student intern photographer for pictures. Further discussion tabled for now.

Door Decorating – Ashlee reported sending out reminders. To be included in the Scoop and script from Lynn.

Special Selectboard Meeting – Committee attendance encouraged for first 20 minutes. Citation from Senate will be presented. Report of plans for 2022.

Lights Display - Currently with Grybkos but not up yet. Belders have offered to host the display next. Ashlee has a spreadsheet to list future hosts. Discussion proceeded to the possibility of suspending the display during the summer months because the lights show best in the dark and dusk is so late. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.

Gift to Town – Susan will meet with the Library board concerning using the property in back of the Library to erect a granite bench to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup>. Also erect an annotated panoramic display of the view from behind the library.

June 2022 Celebration Planning – Keith spoke about the committee having considered purchasing the Hatfield Birthday Cake display but was tabled when COVID delayed full celebration. Hatfield has offered to loan it to us at no cost except moving it to Whately in May. They have other towns considering purchasing it for celebrations in 2023. Display would be located between the fire station and the town garage. Keith checked with the neighbor and he thought it was a good idea. We would have to purchase a new topper which was estimated at \$100.00. Vote was unanimous in favor, contingent on timeline and liability.

Fred stated budget from town was \$40,000 but fund-raising success is an unknown factor at this time. An addition \$20,000 was not requested in 2020 when the future of the celebration was in question. Proposed to go back to town with a request for the \$20,000. Also mentioned was requesting \$10,000 of tourist money from the State. Vote was unanimous in favor to request the funds from the Selectboard and the State.

Other Business - Special thanks to John Hannum for all his hard work in organizing the parade to make the actual anniversary a special event.

Next Meeting – May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Clemons