

TOWN OF NEWINGTON
150th Anniversary Steering Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 9, 2020

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Town Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Francolino called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Art Room at the Community Center

II. ROLL CALL

Kathleen Marie Clark
Joe Dubin
Diane Durant
Michael J. Fox
Eileen Francolino
Susan Gibbon (via telephone)
Anna Kubish
Cathy Miket-Piombo
Allison Smith
Nancy Manke
Maxwell Turgeon
Jerilyn Nagel
Melanie Depamphilis

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes by Joe Dubin, seconded by Michael Fox. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

V. REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Fund Raising

1. Trivia Night-set a date, location, promotion - who will take the lead?
 - Don't have any to take this on, since Patty has resigned. Patty has done a lot of work on this so far; need location and date.
 - Michael Fox will speak to the people at T.J.s
2. Comedy Night
 - To be held May 2nd at Indian Hill.
 - Cathy Miket-Piombo stated that if we don't use Lorenzo, we can use Bruce James. (90 minutes; comedy; hypnotist). Think they are \$750.00.
3. Calendar/Poster
 - Kathy Clark stated that Erica (reporter) was supposed to come to this meeting, trying to get her to do a calendar only piece. Hard to find calendar contest on the town website.

- Eileen Francolino suggested doing a page on Facebook for the Calendar.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding this.

4. Historical Day

- Will be held in 2021.

B. Events

1. Paint Night

- Chair Francolino asked if we should do this again in the spring. Consensus was yes.
- Melanie Depamphilis stated that from the last paint night we made \$120.00.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Marketing of events and merchandise

- Chair Francolino stated that she has gone through the Chamber of Commerce to get sponsors for events.
- Melanie Depamphilis is working on this. Delivery for t-shirts, etc. would be every 6 weeks.
- Jerilyn Nagel stated that it will cost \$4,000 to remove the auditorium seats. Can be sold after that.
- A discussion was held regarding holding a pasta dinner.
- Chair Francolino stated that if we did the 0.5K race, maybe we could hold the pasta the night before. Something to look into.

B. Flying Monkey - on hold - someone to follow through

- Chair Francolino stated they are over their opening jitters.
- Melanie Depamphilis stated that she will contact them get a date.

C. Sign Painting Night - someone to set up for spring

- Chair Francolino stated we will go some more research on this.

D. Bench Sales

- Melanie Depamphilis stated that she spoke with the town manager regarding this. Have received a copy of different prices, approx. \$1,800 think that that \$150 for 150 is good. Maybe look into larger benches and have businesses sponsor them. No cost to the town, really see no problem with it.
- Chair Francolino stated that they will meet with the mayor regarding this.
- Jerilyn Nagel suggested putting information into church bulletins.
- Melanie Depamphilis stated that the Town of Bolton is celebrating their 300th birthday celebration; have a list of events on website; have lots of good ideas.
- A discussion was held regarding different possible events in town; possibly getting a trolley for the historical day.

E. New Members Needed

- A discussion was held regarding new members and what they need to do. Need to work on getting members. Attendance needs to be submitted every 6 months. Hopefully those that haven't attended will be removed.
- Kathy Clark suggested hosting an event to get people involved, for those that do not want to be a full member of the committee, but as "part of the posse." Looking to have mini-club of volunteers, not just for one event, but many events.
- Chair Francolino stated that any member of the public is free to attend these meetings.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding this.

F. Misc. - ax throwing, etc.

- Chair Francolino stated this is something we should look into at Montana Nights.
- Kathy Clark suggested that this is a good idea to get people involved.
- Max Turgeon stated that maybe his fraternity can work at.
- Chair Francolino stated that Parks & Rec has weekly concerts in the summer; we should try to piggy bank on their Irish Night concert. Possibly have a 0.5(k); cost \$25.00 per person; t-shirt; mug (for beer or ice-cream); every 100 yards or so have a minute to win it competition. It could be lots of fun and not too hard. We would make money from the entrance fees. Working with Bill on this. Have it be family friendly. Do it in conjunction with Parks & Rec. this year and do it on our own in 2021.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding holding other events in the park and other fundraising ideas.

G. Golf Tournament

- Max Turgeon stated that he would look at dates at Indian Hill Country Club. We can have any Tuesday in August. We can do a scramble, have t-signs, need people to work at the event.

H. Meeting Dates

- Chair Francolino asked if Thursday nights work for everyone. Any nights bad for anyone?
- Kathy Clark stated getting to Newington by 6:30 is difficult on Tuesdays.
- Chair Francolino stated that we will have meetings monthly, the first Thursday of every month at the Senior Center.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None.

IX. REMARKS

- A lengthy discussion was held regarding a beer and wine day/night at Mill Pond Park, with food, music, possibly a corn-hole tournament, anything fun.
- Alison Smith stated that she will look into holding an event, but needs help.
- Jerilyn Nagel stated that the German Club was interested in participating in the 150th Anniversary Parade.
- Chair Francolino asked everyone to keep an eye on Facebook and email regarding updates and information.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at the Senior Center.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Michael Fox moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Susan Gibbon. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Gibbon
Secretary - 150th Anniversary Steering Committee