I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eileen Francolino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room L-101

II. ROLL CALL

Robert Blank
Melanie Depamphilis (arrived late)
Joseph W. Dubin
Diane Durant
Patricia Foley (arrived at 7:10)
Michael J. Fox
Eileen Francolino
Susan Gibbon
Vice Chair Hutvagner
Anna Kubish
Cathy Miet-Piombo
Dennis Morgan
Nancy Smith
Kathleen Sullivan
Thomas Tallard
Melanie Tinkham
Maxwell Turgeon
Annmarie Turnbull

Also present James Krupienski, Town Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Michael J. Fox to accept the minutes; seconded by Susan Gibbon. 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
   • Tabled until next meeting

2. Cemetery Tour
   • A discussion was held that this event will take place the fall of 2020. Melanie Tinkham stated that they will be doing research and attending similar events to get an idea on how it is run.
3. Daffodil Sale
   • Chair Francolino stated that she did some research into this. A lengthy discussion was held. Last time this was done, Parks & Rec planted the bulbs. Need to discuss with P&R. Will need further research/discussion.

4. Extravaganza
   • Chair Francolino stated that we have a booth, need something to sell, need volunteers, need someone to run the event.
   • Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that she has an idea of something that can be done at the booth - take pictures, number them, and have people guess the location. Winner will receive a gift card from TJ’s. Need to find someone to take the pictures, blow them up, etc. A discussion was held regarding this.
   • Chair Francolino stated that we need to find a way to make money. Janice Reynolds stated that she will create a picture of the waterfall that we can sell. Give her business card out when we sell them. Did talk to Image Ink about having a poster made, what do we want on it, what size? A discussion was held regarding this.
   • Vice Chair Hutvagner passed around a sign-up sheet for the extravaganza.
   • Chair Francolino stated that at the extravaganza we need a volunteer sign-up sheet and a donation bucket.
   • Melanie Depamphilis stated that at the extravaganza last year the fire department sold 100th anniversary sodas they got from Avery’s. It’s about a 2-week production. There is a minimum order of 200. A discussion was held regarding this.
   • The extravaganza is Saturday, July 20th.

5. 150 Club
   • Chair Francolino stated that this needs to be put on hold until we have a schedule of events.

6. T-Shirts
   • Chair Francolino asked if we want to sell t-shirts this early.
   • Melanie Depamphilis stated that she has samples of what they did for the 100th anniversary of the fire department and provided information on how they handled the process of ordering, etc. A discussion was held regarding this.
   • Chair Francolino provided samples of logos for the 150th Anniversary. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this and the committee eventually decided on a concept for a logo. An updated logo for review and approval will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Can/bottle collection
   • Chairman Francolino asked if anyone was interested in doing this can/bottle collection from the Montana Nights.
   • Kathleen Sullivan stated that she could take care of doing that.

8. Poster (discussed earlier)


B. Events

1. Build a Snowman/Sculpture
   • Chair Francolino stated that she went to the skating center because she was told they have always have a pile of snow and they are willing to donate their snow to us for snowman/sculpture contest, we just need to find a way to move it. He said he would do it for free and we need to promote his center. Need to decide when to have this and where. A discussion was held as where to have this. Motion by Michael Fox to hold the event, seconded by Susan Gibbon. Motion passed unanimously. Chair
Francolino will discuss with Bill DeMaio regarding logistics. He is willing to partner us on a lot of these events. Maybe we can sell s’mores and hot chocolate and coffee.

2. Parade/Birthday celebration/Fireworks
   - Chair Francolino stated that she spoke with a woman from the Army National Guard and they have a lot of blow up items (punching bag, basketball hoop) and they are free. We need to get her a date and she will put on her calendar. Have a parade, end at the park, have a band and fireworks to end the night. A discussion was held regarding the liability of having blow up items and liabilities.
   - Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that we have an extremely talented music program at the high school. Would like to have them perform if possible.
   - Chair Francolino will discuss with Bill DeMaio regarding dates.
   - A discussion was held regarding what time the event should be held, it was decided that the parade and events should be in the afternoon and evening.
   - Chair Francolino discussed getting food trucks and a birthday cake.

3. Play
   - Patty Foley stated that NCTV discussed a reading of the play, instead of an actual play. She stated it is very funny.
   - Vice Chair Hutvagner asked if is something that can be performed on stage.
   - Patty Foley stated that it was performed on stage previously.
   - Chair Francolino stated that this is a huge undertaking and could be costly. Is NCTV willing to take care of this?
   - Patty Foley stated that they would be willing to do a read through, not a play.
   - A lengthy discussion was held regarding this and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

4. Mayors’ Ball
   - Chair Francolino stated that she saw Bob Randich and he stated that he would help with this. There are six or seven mayor’s around. Bill DeMaio was hoping to have this as a christening for the new town hall at the double gyms. Hopefully they will be done by then. The 125th had three different venues.
   - Melanie Depamphilis mentioned having it outside and getting tents.
   - Chair Francolino asked if everyone was in favor of doing this. Not black tie. If we want to have it in the town hall it would be later in the year, early November.
   - A discussion was held regarding the parking, etc.
   - Nancy Smith and Allison Smith will working on forming a subcommittee.

5. Drone Picture
   - Chair Francolino stated that she spoke to Bill DeMaio about this and he is willing to use on of the summer concerts to get that done. We will use a drone to take a picture of people standing in the field forming the number 150. Parks & Rec will mark the 150 on the field. Will have people wear certain colors (white shirts); no hats, glasses, etc. We will do that this summer; we can sell them at the Water Fall Festival or any events we hold. Can also post on line. Motion by Michael Fox. Seconded by Cathy Mikel-Piombo. Motion passed unanimously.

6. History of Town
   - Chair Francolino asked who wanted to tackle this.
   - Cathy Mikel-Piombo stated that she was at the library researching the history of the town and for the Centennial they had house tours with tea. Is that something we want to think about?
   - Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that Allison Smith’s father is on a committee in Windsor and they do a house tour of the historic homes in Windsor at the holidays. You can buy a ticket for $20. Maybe we can do something similar.
• Cathy Mikut-Piombo stated then we may need to be concerned with insurance liability since we are charging people.
• Chair Francolino asked if we had an active historical society.
• Michael Fox stated that when he contacted Gail [Kelly] he asked if they were involved in anything.
• Dennis Morgan asked if there was a liaison between the committee and this historical society. Mr. Morgan discussed forming an historical building subcommittee with Jerry and Dave Nagel who are on the board [of the historical society]. Motion to form subcommittee by Dennis Morgan. Seconded by Susan Gibbon. Motion passed unanimously. [Note: Mr. Morgan not using mic.; very difficult to hear; at some points inaudible.]
• Chair Francolino stated that in order to do the tours of historical homes, etc. we need an updated history of the town.
• Patty Foley stated that here is a book at the library that talks about the 25 years between the 100th and 125th anniversary.
• Dennis Morgan was talking about the history of the town. [Note: Mr. Morgan not using mic.; very difficult to hear; at some points inaudible.]
• Chair Francolino asked Mr. Morgan if he were interested in working on the town’s history. Mr. Morgan stated that he is very interested in doing that. Will work with the Nagel’s on this project. [Note: Mr. Morgan not using mic.; very difficult to hear; at some points inaudible.]

7. Misc.
• Chair Francolino stated that she wasn’t sure if we had discussed having a blood drive as a part of giving back to the community. Anybody have any objection to hosting a blood drive? I will contact the Red Cross regarding logistics. Motion by Michael Fox. Seconded by Vice Chair Hutvagner. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Artwork by local artist Janice Reynolds [discussed earlier]
B. Snow Donation [discussed earlier]
C. Night of Lights-ice carving
• Chair Francolino stated that she thought this would be a good thing to close our year of celebration. We can work in conjunction with the Parks & Rec department on this. We could have someone carve a 150th ice sculpture and have it on the town green.
D. New fundraising ideas-Bowl-a-thon and others
• Tom Tallard stated that for 12 years, he teamed up with the Callahan’s at Bowl-a-Rama for a bowl-a-thon at St. Mary’s School and it raised thousands of dollars for the school every year. The children who participated would get pledges and it was very successful. We have the opportunity to involve all students and grades; along with student council’s who are used to trying to raise money. You could have competitions between grades, etc. Mr. Tallard stated that he contacted the Callahan’s and the only time they can accommodate this would be from May 15th to June. Maybe we could involve using the Parks & Rec summer program to do this. Would like to head this committee.
• Michael Fox stated that he would help with this.
• A lengthy discussion was held regarding this and the committee agreed that this will be a great fundraiser. Tom Tallard and Michael Fox will look into this.
E. Blood Drive [discussed earlier]
F. Food Pantry Collection
G. Selection of sub committees and chairs
H. Misc.

- Chair Francolino stated that St. Mary’s Church recently held a comedy night and it was very successful.
- Max Turgeon stated that Annunciation Parish had three comedians come in and it is BYOB and food; ice was provided. You buy a ticket, and have raffle prizes. There is a minimal amount of work to be done and you can raise a lot of money. The only thing you need to pay for are the comedians and the venue
- Cathy Miket-Piombo stated that she would be willing to head this subcommittee.
- Chair Francolino stated that she thinks we need to have events at Eddy Farm. Farm to table dinners, tours, etc. Think they work with Goldburgers. Think about this. Mr. Eddy was a big part of this town. Table to next meeting.
- Patty Foley asked if anyone had trivia questions. She stated that she has created a database. She has spoken with TJ’s and they have a trivia night on Tuesdays. Can make it a fundraiser and set up several trivia nights. Someone suggested we make a trivia game and sell it; I have been in touch with someone who makes games. Patty Foley asked for an estimated timeline of events so that NCTV has them on their calendar so that the event can be recorded. We do have some recorded events from the 125th celebration; looking to get them transferred from VHS to digital format. Hoping to get half funding from this committee and half funding from NCTV. One of our sister stations can transfer them for us. If we do this, we can maybe put them together into a collection that we can sell.
- Chair Francolino stated that she is not sure how much money is needed to do this.
- Patty Foley stated it would be at most $200 and NCTV would fund the balance and do the leg work.
- A discussion was held regarding this.
- Chair Francolino stated that we will look into this and discuss it at the next meeting.
- Cathy Miket-Piombo asked about having a pasta fundraiser.
- Melanie Depamphilis stated they raised around $6,000 the last time they held on. Not a lot of work, lots of donations. Melanie also stated that Stew Leonard’s will host a wine event at their facility; they will also donate monies from the wishing pond. No money upfront, and not too much manpower. They do a lot for the community.
- Chair Francolino showed a calendar from the 125th anniversary.
- Cathy Miket-Piombo stated that maybe we could have local businesses sponsor a month.
- Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that it also lists the calendar of events. Also wanted to bring up the barrel idea.
- Dennis Morgan stated that he would like to turn this over to someone else. He contacted several towns and has had calls back from several [again, very difficult to hear, not using a mic.] Susan Gibbon has offered to work on this project.
- Anna Kubish stated asked if we were a 501(c) organization. She works for Kohl’s department stores and they have an event and get five associates and have them donate their time for five hours, Kohl’s will donate $500. This can be done monthly. Every April they double that amount and will donate $1,000. Will need to know if volunteers are needed prior to the event.
- Chair Francolino stated that is awesome. Thank you Anna.
- Cathy Miket-Piombo asked if we needed to submit a letter regarding donations. A discussion was held regarding this.
- Chair Francolino stated that when we meet in two weeks we can come up with a list of events, we have a lot of fundraising ideas; when asking for money, people need to know what the money is for. The parade will cost money, the Mayor’s ball will cost money.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None
XI. REMARKS
   • None

X. ADJOURNMENT
   The next 150th Anniversary Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.
   
   Motion to adjourn by Michael Fox at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Anna Kubish. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Secretary ~ 150th Anniversary Steering Committee