I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Eileen Francolino called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Room at the Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL
Cathleen Marie Clark
Melanie Depamphilis
Michael J. Fox
Eileen Francolino
Susan Gibbon
Beth Manke Huvagner
Cathy Miet-Piombo
Dennis Morgan
Allison Smith
Nancy Smith
Thomas Tallard
Maxwell Turgeon

Also present James Krupienski, Town Clerk

III. Approval of Minutes
Motion by Michael J. Fox to accept the minutes; seconded by Cathy Miet-Piombo. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Participation
• Tim Huvagner, 16 Elton Drive thanked everyone who is on the committee; one of the agenda items is a tour of old houses in Newington; in contact with assessor in Newington; provided a list of all houses from 1919 and earlier. Hopefully we will be able to have tours of the older homes. Charge $20 or $30.
• Phil DesJardins, 37 Ellsworth Street stated that he lives right in the middle of the historic district in Newington center. Gave history of houses around his area. Here on behalf of the American Legion Post 117, celebrating 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. Each year provide scholarships to students; idea is to get list of past recipients and have them come back and have a reunion. March as a group in the parade; get updates on where they are. Hoping that we can fit that into your program.

V. Remarks by Committee Members on Public Participation
• Chair Francolino stated that our goal is to have a parade and if the American Legion wants to have that as their part in the parade, that will be wonderful.

VI. Consideration of Old Business
A. Fund Raising
1. Trivia Night
   • Susan Gibbon read into the minutes an email from Patty Foley. *(attached hereto)*

2. Cemetery Tour
   • Tabled.

3. Daffodil Sale
   • Chair Francolino stated that she did some research into this. There is a place online that you can order the bulbs and have them shipped to your home. You also have the option of choosing a place for them to be planted. Will discuss further at a future meeting.

4. Extravaganza
   • Chair Francolino stated that the first discussion is the t-shirts. Melanie Depamphilis emailed samples of logos to the committee members. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the logos. Michel Fox made a motion to accept the logo designs, as discussed. Seconded by Melanie Depamphilis. Motion passed unanimously. Melanie will work on getting image files on the logos for all items needed.
   • Avery Soda. How much do we buy? How much do we sell it for? I think $3.00 per bottle; two for $5 and $10 for a six-pack.
   • Cathy Miket-Piombo asked how many people attend the extravaganza.
   • Chair Francolino stated that thousands of people attend it.
   • A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Avery Soda – the flavors, logo, how to keep it cold.
   • Chair Francolino will send the schedule of who is working what hours during the extravaganza.
   • Vice Chair Hutvagner asked about the pictures for the guessing contest.
   • Cathy Miket-Piombo stated that she is working on the $25 gift card prize.
   • Cathy Clark asked if there were any issues regarding the sale of the soda. Do we need a permit? A discussion was held regarding this.
   • Melanie Depamphilis stated that she can use a service truck to pick up the order. Chair Francolino and Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that they can help pick up the sodas on Friday (July 19th).
   • Chair Francolino stated that she spoke with Janice Reynolds about the painting. Hope to have something to share next week. Do we want to sell this as a poster or framed items? A price of $20 was decided upon to sell the print.
   • Michael Fox will ask about borrowing easels from the Senior Center.
   • The extravaganza is Saturday, July 20th.

5. 150 Club
   • Tabled.

6. T-Shirts
   • Discussed under the Extravaganza.
   • Chair Francolino asked if we want to do them this year?
   • A discussion was held and it was decided that we would sell t-shirts at this year’s Extravaganza.
• Melanie Depamphilis will order ten of each size for sale at the Extravaganza. A discussion was held regarding sizes, styles, costs, etc. Price for adult t-shirts = $20. Will also have a sign up sheet for emails to let people know that a website for ordering additional items is available.

7. Can/ bottle collection
• Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that Kathy Sullivan went last week and got the bottles. She will be doing again this week.

8. Poster
• Eileen Francolino is looking into a selfie poster; cost, etc.

• Tom Tallard stated that he spoke with the Callahan’s (at Bowl-O-Rama) and they are willing to work with us. They have 40 lanes, 5 kids per lane. They can handle 200 kids. May 15th – September 1, 2020 are best for them; leagues are over. Weekdays, weekends or nights are good. Price per child (with shoes) would be $11. Price per child (with shoes & pizza) would be $14. Michael Fox to discuss options with the new Superintendent of Schools. This can be a very successful fundraiser.
• Committee agreed that this is a great fundraiser.
• Michael Fox stated that he will contact the new Superintendent regarding this. Hopefully we can get this as field trip.
• Chair Francolino stated that this doesn’t work out maybe we can have a Family Night at Bowl-O-Rama and get a portion of the cost.
• Tom Tallard also stated that we could possibly ask Parks & Rec if they are willing to let the kids who attend the summer camp participate.

• Cathy Miet-Piombo stated that she is waiting to hear from Elise regarding the high school. A discussion regarding use of the high school was held, decided not to pursue since alcohol not allowed.
• Anna Kubish is looking into pricing at the Polish American Club.
• Max Turgeon stated that he inquired at Indian Hill Country Club and the caterer is out as of October 2019. Cost prohibitive ($750 for room only); need to use their bar (cannot bring in alcohol).
• Melanie Depamphilis stated that the Sphinx cost is $271 and can hold approx. 150 people.
• Cathy to look into the Sphinx and Polish American Club. Would like to get Scott Haney as the MC.
• Chair Francolino stated that the only people who keep a calendar in town is the Chamber of Commerce. They are willing to post our events. The sooner we pick a date, the sooner it is posted and not interfering with anyone else.
• Cathy stated that she is looking to hold it April 4 or April 18, 2020. She is also looking to have 10 raffle items (will determine at a later date).
• Cathy stated that she has been in touch with many comedians already.

B. Events

1. Build a Snowman/ Sculpture
• Chair Francolino stated she spoke with Bill [DeMaio] about having skating and he said no; it makes the ground too wet. Looking for an event to have in January as a kick-off.
2. Parade/Birthday celebration/Fireworks
   - Chair Francolino stated that the parade and events will be in the afternoon and evening. Will meet with Michael Montgomery to set date. Looking at October 16, 2021.
   - Susan Gibbon stated that she thought the date was going to be in September so as not to interfere with the Cemetery Tours.
   - Melanie Depamphilis stated that it is difficult to get fire departments, etc. to march in the parade that late. You need to get on the parade calendar early.
   - Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that in September you can run into issues with other town fairs.
   - Chair Francolino discussed having the parade in conjunction with the Waterfall Festival. Have a birthday party in the park after the parade; fireworks in the evening. Will discuss with the Town Manager.
   - Cathy Clark asked when the Cemetery tours was planned for?
   - Chair Francolino stated that weekend before or weekend after Halloween.
   - Cathy stated that it doesn’t have to have a Halloween theme. Can be done anytime. Will have people from town who are actors working at the event. Don’t want someone just reading a script. Suggest doing it only during the day; night tours too difficult and expensive. Melanie’s husband is doing research on the people buried in the Cemetery. Use factual information about them and have them dress in appropriate costume.
   - A lengthy discussion was held regarding this.

3. Play
   - Tabled.

4. Mayors’ Ball
   - Chair Francolino stated that the Mayor’s Ball will be held on November 13, 2021.

5. Drone Picture
   - Chair Francolino stated that she spoke to Bill DeMaio about this and he stated that we could use a drone for this.
   - A tentative date for the picture will be the date of the Waterfall Festival. A sign up sheet will be provided at the Extravaganza. Can hand something out regarding this.
   - Max Turgeon suggested that this be its own event, not in conjunction with anything else.
   - Cathy Clark suggested having a handout at the Extravaganza and have it be something that could be two sided and have our logo on one side and the date on the other.
   - A lengthy discussion was held regarding this.
   - James Krupienski suggested that using 150 people to take the picture.
   - A discussion regarding “America’s Laziest Road Race” was held. Chair Francolino stated that this would be huge undertaking.

6. History of Town
   - Chair Francolino asked Dennis Morgan for an update.
   - Dennis Morgan provided an annotated bibliography 0.9 to the committee. He provided a website to access info.: medicalhistorytour.com/newington150biblio. Would like you to have a look and provide your thoughts. Dennis provided a brief history of the town.
Vice Chair Hutvagner asked if Dennis reviewed the article she sent to him regarding the Willard House and how Newington was named.

James Krupienski read an article regarding the naming of the Town of Newington.

Dennis provided additional information regarding the naming of the town.

Dennis stated that he is interested writing a History of Newington book (similar to the History of Glastonbury (Images of America Series) book.)

Further information was provided and a discussion was held.

   Chair Francolino that we should hold this on a Saturday in February 2021. Hope to get 150 pints of blood. Maybe have friendly competition between the fire department and the police department.

8. Eddy Farm Even
   Chair Francolino stated that she spoke to Eddy Farm about this. Very excited to host an event; looking on feedback for us on something to do. Should be something affordable and kid friendly.

C. Miscellaneous
   1. NCTV Tapes *(discussed earlier)*
   2. Golf Tournament
      Max Turgeon stated that golf tournaments are a lot of work; but they are always good fundraisers. Would like to do it August/September/October 2020.
   3. Statues
      Susan Gibbon stated that she has contacted the Cow Parade organizers via email. Still waiting to hear back from them. West Hartford held their Cow Parade in 2003; think we can do cows as well.
   4. Pasta Dinner
      Chair Francolino and Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that this can be held in conjunction with the Laziest Road Race.

VII. New Business
   A. Chamber of Commerce calendar postings *(discussed earlier)*
   B. 150 Acts of Kindness
      Chair Francolino stated that she discussed with this Bill DeMaio and he stated that we could put something up at Clem Lemire Field. Had idea to take a rope and put red hearts on it as we go. No need to have an explanation; maybe post on our site.
   C. Food Pantry Collection
      Chair Francolino stated that she would like to have a food pantry collection at each event to support the Newington Food Bank.

VIII. Public Participation
   None

XI. Remarks
   Susan Gibbon read a text from Anna Kubish that she reached out to Meg Spera Gilbert about taking pictures for the 150th Anniversary Calendar; she said she would take pictures and submit them.
   Chair Francolino stated that she received some pictures today.
A discussion was held regarding Kohl's volunteers.
Cathy Miket-Piombo asked for the logo letterhead to submit to different businesses for donations.

X, Adjournment

The next 150th Anniversary Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Fox at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Cathy Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Susan Gibbon
Secretary ~ 150th Anniversary Steering Committee
Hi Eileen

I will not be in attendance for the meeting of 6/27/19 as we have our annual event at NCTV! Praying it doesn’t rain this Thursday LOL! I can not get the minutes and am at a loss.

Kindly please read my report into the minutes:

VI.A.1. Trivia night - contacted Bar Rated Trivia that works here in Newington (Tuesday night at TJs). They are a self-contained operations - they bring it all, speakers, microphones, host, electronic equipment, scoring cards, etc. they do the scoring. Their fee for a non-profit is $250. They don’t need much lead time to schedule an event. Committee will need to supply three prizes for the event(s) 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

They will work with questions we supply - I haven’t had the chance to delve into logistics with them. Generally speaking - five rounds with five questions per round…. each round would have a theme, example, government, churches, transportation, famous Newingtonites, etc. At the - Three Bonus questions.

Price for ticket…. Committee sets price $20 ??
Price for a mulligan ticket --- $5 ? buys the ‘team’ one point - only one mulligan allowed per team.
Silent / teacup auction would be allowed during the event - committee supplies the auction and runs the auction themselves during the event.

Location(s) -- so far I have TJs there is seating for 40-50 people in the new space. I’m waiting to speak with Polish American Club -- they have seating for up to 150+ people depending on configuration.

VI.C.1 NCTV Tapes - The tapes were dropped off at WIN-TV on June 17th. We have about a 6-7 week waiting period while they are being transcoded to digital. Once they are done, I will pick them up and NCTV will be doing some editing to have each interview be a separate file. NCTV will place the videos on an external server. Library is willing to place links to the videos in the collection. I’m awaiting a return on some information from the Library for a possible unveiling of these interviews. Get pictures, press release, etc.

thanks a heap,
Patty

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