TOWN OF NEWINGTON
150th ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Eileen Francolino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in conference room L101

II. ROLL CALL
Robert Blank
Cathleen Marie Clark
Melanie Depamphilis
Joseph Dubin
Diane Durant
Michael J. Fox
Eileen Francolino
Susan Gibbon
Anna Kubish
Beth Manke Hutvagner (arrived at 6:40)
Cathy Miket-Piombo
Allison Smith (arrived at 6:40)
Nancy Smith (arrived at 6:40)
Kathleen Sullivan

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

Susan Gibbon stated that there was a Scribner’s error in the minutes from June 13, 2019. Laura Irons was inadvertently stated as attending and Kathleen Sullivan was in attendance but not listed.

IV. Public Participation
• Dave Goodale, 1741 Main Street stated that he is President of the Deming Young Farm Foundation. It is not part of the Newington Historical Society and Trust. Would like to go on record to say that the Deming Young Foundation should be an important part of the 150th Anniversary celebration. The Thomas Deming house built in 1784 is the oldest historic house open to the public. The Deming Young House is the only house that has handicapped access. Mr. Goodale provided a history of the Deming Farm and House and also provided a list of events that have been held or will be held at the Deming Young Farm. The Nels Nelson carriage and sleigh’s are at the Deming Young Farm. Would like to have them refurbished; could be used for displays or in the parades. My number is 860-666-1016 if you need any further information or history of the Deming Young Farm Foundation.

V. Remarks by Committee Members on Public Participation
• Chair Francolino reassured Mr. Goodale that the Deming Young Farm will certainly be a part of our celebration.

VI. Consideration of Old Business
A. Fund Raising

1. Trivia Night
   • Tabled until next meeting

2. Comedy Night
   • Cathy Miket-Piombo stated that she booked Indian Hill Country Club for May 2, 2020. Working on getting quotes from comedians. Would like to draft letter regarding donations.
   • Chair Francolino asked Cathy to draft a letter and provide it to her.
   • Cathy Miket stated that cost for food would be $7.50 per person; it would be a cash bar. Cathy stated that they will be doing rounds of tables. Costs to be determined. Will be able to sell t-shirts, etc. at the event. Casa Mia is the new caterer at Indian Hill Country Club.

3. Calendar
   • Susan Gibbon stated that the committee has met several times; would like to have an attorney review the rules of the contest
   • Cathy Clark stated that once you read the rules they are standard.
   • A discussion was held regarding the pictures; the rules, etc.
   • Susan asked how many should be ordered? A discussion was held regarding this. Don’t want to have any left.
   • Anna Kubish stated the cost would be one for $20 and two for $30. Thinking that many people will buy them as gifts.
   • Susan Gibbon stated that the goal is to have them to sell at the Extravaganza next year.
   • Anna Kubish stated that it can be any form of media, must depict a season.

4. Poster
   • Discussed above.

B. Events

1. Drone picture – success!
   • Chair Francolino thanked those people that could be in attendance for the drone picture. It was a huge success. It has been posted on Facebook. Hopefully we can use that on the calendar and other merchandise. We made over $750 that night.

2. Deming Young Picnic – Details Needed
   • Robert Blank stated that he hoped that Dave stayed, so that he could let us know what other people did. Looking for May 2021 (second weekend/or third if necessary). Michael Fox stated that he will assist in organizing this. Will have “old time” games for people to play. Dave did suggest talking to the parks dept.
   • Anna Kubish reminded the committee that we can use volunteers from Kohl’s and we can receive $500.
   • Chair Francolino stated that we will need lots of volunteers. Will also need to provide food.
   • Cathy Clark suggested using food trucks for the event.

3. 5k Road Race – need to make a decision
   • Chair Francolino asked if we should do this.
   • Susan Gibbon stated that she thinks it would be fun to do.
Chair Francolino asked for volunteer. Might be something that we would want to team up with Parks & Rec for; will be lots of fun. Will speak to Bill DeMaio about this.

Vice Chair Hutvagner stated that is a great idea. Committee all agreed.

A discussion was held regarding this.

VII. New Business
A. Waterfall Festival
   Chair Francolino passed around a sign-up sheet for the Waterfall Festival. Hours are 10-4. I have asked Melanie to order reusable shopping bags.
   Melanie Depamphilis stated that the large shopping bag would cost $1.14 a piece. Cost is at 100 pieces.
   A discussion was held regarding this.
   Chair Francolino stated that we will sell them 2 for $5.00.
   Cathy Clark stated that she thinks we should make a poster to have on display regarding the calendar contest.

B. History of the Town – make a committee
   Chair Francolino asked if anyone would like to head this up.
   Cathy Clark and Susan Gibbon stated that Jerry Nagel (who is on the Historical Society) has been appointed to our committee and will be a good person to take care of this.
   Tabled until next meeting.

C. Marketing – T-Shirts
   Chair Francolino asked how to market the t-shirts, etc.
   Melanie Depamphilis stated that the best way is through social media.

VIII. Public Participation
   None

IX. Remarks
   Chair Francolino stated that there is a grant available from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. It is very slow going. Need to have a diverse committee named by the Town Council. It is a lot of money. Have to plan on not getting it. It is $50,000 up front and then $50,000 endowed.
   A discussion was held regarding this.
   Diane Durant suggested a Yard Goats Fundraiser. The committee thought this was a great idea. Can take the Fastrack downtown.

X. Adjournment
The next 150th Anniversary Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Fox at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Susan Gibbon. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Secretary ~ 150th Anniversary Steering Committee