

## Tricentennial Meeting 2/22/2021

### Members in Attendance:

Beth Taylor

Cheryl Sadowski

Tammy Daigneault

Vicki Schwery

Diana Ingraham

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Secretary Minutes from 1/25/2021 were emailed prior to the meeting and reviewed. Changes noted. Motion made to approve the minutes with changes by Cheryl and second by Beth.

### Treasurer's report

Total is \$19,966.65 as of 2/21/2021. One payment made for \$105.00 for the New England Truck Vendors for the three trucks that are coming to the celebration. Motion made by Beth to accept the Treasurer's report and second by Tammy.

### Audience of Citizens:

First Selectman Tracy Hanson attended. She was checking in to see how we are doing. Mentioned COVID guidelines and concerns. Executive orders end in April, but new orders and changes are likely coming. We will have to adjust with the guidelines.

She had a question about the fireworks. Wanted to know if the permits were being filed and if the fire marshal was contacted. Also, Tracy let us know the EDC would like to be involved. They may want to do a historical walk.

Beth asked Tracy about Insurance. Who was covered under town insurance? Basically none of the exhibitors or vendors are covered as the town does not have event insurance. Vendors and exhibitors will need to sign a "hold harmless" form; one for each organization. Forms are online and copies are in the town hall.

Tracy will invite local dignitaries for the Opening Ceremony.

Dean Wittwer is on representing the Republican Town Council, Recreation Commission, Voluntown Baptist Church, Troop 74, Troop 74G and Pack 74. He wanted to know what the groups can help with. Suggestions were made for vendor tables to promote their group, help with trash and clean up, help with sanitizer stations, water stations and Sunday clean up. Dean asked if the groups had things to sell can they sell them and the committee agreed.

Asked Dean if we could use the Baptist Church parking lot and he said yes we could. He stated if it was rainy or wet some of the parking lot may not be able to usable.

#### Old Business:

Diana asked the Superintendent of Schools if we can use the school parking lot and a minibus. A form will need to be filled out and submitted to the BOE to ask for permission to use the parking lot from 7am – 10pm.

Cheryl, Vicki and Beth met with John and Mikayla from Ocean State Pyrotechnics on Sunday 2/21/21. He made a diagram of where the fireworks will be setup and measured it out. They will setup along the tree line behind the town between the water and track. He will need a 350' perimeter around the fireworks which we will need to lay out. He will setup Saturday morning and once the mortars are placed the perimeter must be maintained. No people allowed beyond the perimeter. They are going to use smaller shells and show more fireworks. They will also set up a 300 sign to be set off before the finale.

Vicki to contact Greg Webster for the cannon only at opening ceremony and let him know we would like Corbin's Battery.

Vicki to contact the PTO to see if they are still interested in kids games.

Vicki to let the NE Truck vendors know to be there from 10:30am – 7pm.

Discussion was had about the program Cheryl made. Cheryl will contact the living history groups to finalize times for demonstrations. Cheryl will forward the program to Diana to make on Publisher. Review of the program next meeting.

Cheryl will forward the flier for the Earth Day cleanup on April 24<sup>th</sup>. She will also forward it to Tammy and Vicki to post on Face Book.

Discussion had about the kid's section. Tammy said she knew someone who could do some Henna tattoos and Dean said he may know someone who can do face paint. Will look into the inflatables again and find out the COVID guidelines for them.

Discussion had about looking for more parking. Beth to contact Pastor Kevin Wilson at Living Word to see if we could use the parking lot on Saturday. IF so, a bus will be needed to transport the people.

#### New Business:

Opening Ceremony – We would like a Proclamation read (Tracy will contact the Governor), Selectman will speak, introduction of state and town officials, an introduction of the committee. Boy Scouts to do a flag ceremony and asking town youths to sing the national anthem. Ashley LaFerriere, Katelyn VanLanen and Devon Mitchell. Cannon shot by (G Webster/Corbins Battery). The three church's will be contacted by Beth to ask them to be part of the opening ceremony. Looking for one to do an opening prayer.

Vicki asked Emily if the library would like to set up a table and she thought it was a good idea. They may have a kids craft as well.

Next meeting is March 8th at 6:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Cheryl and second by Beth. Ayes have it.