

NORTH HAMPTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY

Planning Meeting: April 19, 2017

Opening: Vicki Jones called the meeting to order at 1PM. Also in attendance: Cynthia Swank, Jane Morse, Susan Grant, Jane Boesch, Donna Etela, Jim O'Hara, Nancy Jane Luff, Janet Sanborn, Anne Ambrogi, Cindy Jenkins, Jim Maggiore, Jane Robie.

Treasurer's report: Jane Robie reported that there have been \$1600 in donations. \$800 was spent ordering 100 t-shirts. The \$800 balance includes \$500 donated by the North Hampton Business Association for the Memorial Day Barbecue. The report was **approved** as presented.

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2017, were **approved** as distributed.

Old business:

Memorial Day ceremony: Jim Maggiore will act as transition person between the end of the official ceremony and the beginning of the barbecue and other events. He will also seek a proclamation to read from the Governor's Office.

T-Shirts and buttons: There are 100 grey t-shirts with the blue logo to be sold for \$10 each at the Stone Building, Town Offices and Library. Scouts will also sell shirts at the barbecue. Buttons will be given out at no cost for now, and more may need to be ordered. They cost \$140 for 100.

Publicity: There will be two articles in the *Hampton Union* on the history of North Hampton and plans for the celebration. One will appear before Memorial Day, the second in September.

There was discussion of a banner and where it should be hung. Cindy Burke is working on a design, and it should cost \$80-90. It should hang on the police department or fire station. **A motion was made and approved** to spend not more than \$100 on this banner.

There was also discussion of possible signs to designate places to visit both on Memorial Day and in October. Cindy Jenkins suggested the community garden could be on the list. What kind of permission would be needed for signs was questioned, assuming the signs would be put up for Memorial Day, then taken down and put up again in the fall. (Jim Maggiore later checked and reported that signs are okay on town property. He also reported that the Town will provide seed money for pole banners for Atlantic Avenue, as promised earlier, and that the cost will come from the "patriotic purposes" line item.)

Memorial Day parade: Mike Ambrogi has met with American Legion Commander Burke Bennett. One question to be resolved is whether there would need to be extra insurance if the parade is longer than usual.

Janet Sanborn indicated that Rev. Jack Lynes will perform the ministerial duties at the Memorial Day ceremony. Details to be worked out include a possible sing-along and whether any special citizens would be honored.

Confirmed for the parade are the American Legion, North Hampton school band, Winnacunnet High School band, North Hampton Business Association, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, fife and drum, antique cars, horse drawn carriage, and patriotically decorated bicycles. Jim O'Hara will organize the bicycles, and has already started handing out notices. The Girl Scouts may do a float, but no one would actually ride on it. The North Hampton school chorus will also sing at the ceremony.

After "Taps" is played and the last speaker has spoken, Jim Maggiore will make an announcement inviting all to the barbecue and exhibits.

Memorial Day barbecue: Jane Morse announced that plans are now for 250 people, and that, with donations, including from the NHBA (\$500), Jen Kutt (\$300), and Shaw's (\$75), the basic costs of lunch (\$451.98) should be more than covered. The question was raised as to whether any money remains in the George Moore Fund for dessert. This will be investigated.

Other details for the barbecue include:

Signs honoring Jen Kutt and the Business Association (Nancy Jane Luff and Jane Morse will get these);

NHBA will hang own banner at the meal;

Donation jar for contributions for the continuation of the 275th celebration;

Hand stamp for the meal (Jane Morse);

Plastic covering for tables;

Grills and grillers.

Jane Morse will get invoices and the NHHS will write checks.

Town Hall exhibit: The Historical Society will set this up. It will include the Bicentennial Quilt. Carolyn Brooks, who helped make the quilt, will be there to provide information. Also in the exhibit will be the painting of the Battle at Bemis Heights, an Ogden Nash exhibit, flags from Town Hall Day and North Hampton, information on the Revere Bell, as well as patriotic and historic postcards and other military material.

Other business: There will be help needed with the logistics of parking and setting up tables. Will Joe's be open?

Fall events: Nancy Jane Luff and Vicki Jones will continue to work on these. The dinner at Throwback Brewery will include a three course meal and a drink for \$50 a person. There will be room for 80 people. Whether the fireworks are available will be checked. Janet Sanborn and Tibby Field will be the representatives at the church on North Hill. How and where to assemble and transport the 1938 brick schoolhouse (now in Centennial Hall) will be pursued.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:35PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, at 1PM in the Mary Herbert Room.

Signed, Jane Boesch

