

NORTH HAMPTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY

Planning Meeting: June 21, 2017

Opening: Vicki Jones called the meeting to order at 1:05PM. In attendance: Cynthia Swank, Carolyn Brooks, Jane Morse, Donna Etela, Susan Grant, Jane Boesch, Jim Maggiore, Janet Sanborn. Jim O'Hara and Michael Tully made brief appearances at the meeting.

Treasurer's report: Vicki Jones presented the report from treasurer Jane Robie. The June 21 balance is \$1892.50, after the Memorial Day expenses were paid. The only expenses anticipated before fall are ordering more t-shirts and buttons, updating the brochure, and framing the governor's Memorial Day proclamation. The report was **approved** as presented.

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2017, were **approved** as distributed.

Old business:

Memorial Day: The consensus was that the barbecue was a great event, and that it should be considered as an annual event, and interest and momentum need to be sustained. There were approximately 300 people served, at a cost of \$3.17 per person. There was a profit of \$384, including \$227 from the donations jar.

The Fire Department donated the left over hotdog buns to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Exeter. Mike Tully brought in a letter of thanks from the Society.

The kids parade, the horses, the recording of the parade have all received good feedback. The three open buildings received a number of visits: (Library - 92, Stone Building - 40, Town Hall - approximately 50). It was felt that there was a need for better signage outside advertising these events. Other communication needs to be improved, perhaps through a *Community Newsletter* mailed to everyone in town.

For the future perhaps there could be oral history recordings in the Library. The slide shows of old photographs and the barn survey were well received. The barns need to be identified, and the speed adjusted for reading, for the next time.

Bandstand concerts: There will be a focus on the July 1 concert with the Air Force band, cake, and a table selling 275th items and handing out brochures (manned by the Boy Scouts). There were questions about the reality of reading historical bits at every concert, knowing how people talk and move around. Perhaps the historical markers and information will be reserved for the October weekend. At this time the quiz suggested by Heritage intern Hillary Christopher could be handed out (to adults; the "Seven Wonders" hunt is for children), probably from Centennial Hall. The prize to the winner would be two tickets to the November dinner at Throwback. (If there are multiple winners there will be a final question or a drawing.) The Heritage Commission will have Hillary further develop the quiz questions

Brick schoolhouse: Nancy Jane Luff will follow up with Richard Batchelder as to whether he would be able to provide a trailer for the model. When the model is put together John Hubbard will help with moving it and having it out in October. Carolyn Brooks has keys for the model.

Fall weekend October 13-14: The 275th flyer will be updated for fall. Newspaper articles will be prepared.

Centennial Hall will have a concert, art show, and face painting, as well as the brick school house on display and tours of the building. There will be signs around the Green. Also, on October 20, there is a concert at Centennial Hall cosponsored by the Library presenting Lesley Ampere and music from the WPA era. Friday of that weekend will be low key, but there will be music at Centennial Hall.

The Agriculture Commission is making arrangements for the show of tractors and planes at the Hampton Airfield.

For the trolley tour on Saturday the 14th Optima Bank has underwritten the cost. There will be two tours, with tickets sold on a first come, first serve basis at the Library. (The four stops are Ogden Nash house, Studebaker house, Union Chapel, and Fuller Gardens.) There will be an age limit - 10 or older - and those under a certain age must be accompanied by an adult.

Also open that day (from 10 till 2) will be Little River church, North Hill church, Centennial Hall, Town Hall, Stone Building, and the library. Exhibits are being planned for the last three buildings, including perhaps the Super Bowl trophy for the Town Hall. There will be flags to show which buildings are open.

Cindy Jenkins will be asked whether there could be a pumpkin sale at the community gardens. Anne Ambrogi is working on the Seven Wonders hunt.

The sale of tickets for the November 9 dinner at Throwback Brewery will be well advertised. They can accommodate 88 people, including the two who win the North Hampton quiz.

The non-denominational service at North Hill will be November 26.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, at 1PM in the Mary Herbert Room.

Signed,
Jane Boesch