

## **NORTH HAMPTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Planning Meeting: May 17, 2017**

**Opening:** Vicki Jones called the meeting to order at 1:05PM. Also in attendance: Mike Maddocks, Cynthia Swank, Donna Etela, Jane Boesch, Janet Sanborn, Jason Lajoie, Nancy Jane Luff, Jane Morse, Jane Robie. Arriving later: Cindy Jenkins, Paul Apple, Delores Chase.

**Treasurer's report:** Jane Robie reported that \$1015.00 in donations and sales have been received, bringing the May 17 balance to \$1815.00. The report was **approved** as presented. It was noted that the UCC North Hampton will donate \$275.00, but that a special meeting is required first to approve this expenditure.

**Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2017, were **approved** as distributed. It was noted that Burke Bennett's first name should be spelled Berk.

### **Old business:**

**T-shirts and buttons:** T-shirts have been reordered; the Boy Scouts will sell them at the Memorial Day barbecue. One hundred more buttons have been ordered at \$2.00 apiece. These might be sold at bandstand concerts; Delores Chase will be consulted.

**Hampton Union article:** Nancy Jane Luff and Vicki Jones are writing an article for the paper; the article will include pictures. Donna Etela mentioned a rock which has North Hampton dates carved on it, but does not know exactly where it is. Perhaps someone on the Conservation Commission does. It would be a good picture subject.

**Memorial Day ceremony - Jim Maggiore:** Jim Maggiore will be the transition person, and will read the governor's proclamation. The ceremony will go on rain or shine. Questions about the parade, in case of rain, and the timing of the ceremony then will be resolved.

**Memorial Day parade - podium and microphones:** John Stavastano will be filming. He is also working to put pictures from the 250th celebration on a dvd.

Rev. Jack Lynes, UCC North Hampton, will be walking in the parade. Janet Sanborn will have him be in touch with Mike Ambrogi and/or Berk Bennett about carrying the UCC banner in the parade.

Parking has not been a problem in the past according to Chief Maddocks. Cars can park on the Homestead property as well as side streets. Also, Atlantic Avenue will be closed for approximately 50 minutes.

**Barbecue - Jane Morse:** Arrangements are set and everything is in place.

Charcoal still needs to be purchased and the question was how much; it was decided two or three large bags. Any left over can be given to the fire department. Jane Morse will also buy the paper goods, food gloves, and trash bags needed. Ice cream will be bought from Joe's, making it easier to transport at the last minute.

Donations can go into a large fish bowl (Mike Maddocks') which will be labeled. Also being sold will be NHPL note cards, NHHS note cards, *The Way it Was in North Hampton*, t-shirts and buttons. Flyers from various organizations will be available.

Paul Apple volunteered to start the charcoal grill at the appropriate time. The second grill is gas. Volunteers are needed before the parade, to start setting up tables and chairs in the fire station bays. There will be one table near the grill for condiments, paper goods, and so on.

Nancy Jane Luff noted that there would be signs thanking individuals, groups, and businesses for donations. John Stavastano's banner will be on the Town Hall porch.

As there are invoices for barbecue items they will go to Jane Robie.

**Memorial Day Town Hall exhibit:** The Town will hang bunting. Donna Etela hoped that the 1844 flag could be located to be displayed.

The exhibit will be set up on Thursday and Friday before Memorial Day. The fire department will help with hanging the Bicentennial Quilt. John Stavastano will be asked for help in clearing the room, especially removing the wiring that is in place now.

The newly conserved Ogden Nash panel will be on display in the Stone Building.

**Donations:** Nancy Jane Luff announced that Optima Bank has offered to underwrite the \$792.00 cost of the two trolley rides in October. There will be room for 20 people on each, and reservations can be made ahead of time.

**Bandstand concerts - Delores Chase:** Delores Chase stated that the Bandstand Committee wants to help with the 275th celebration. She noted that on Saturday, July 1, there will be a military band from Norfolk, VA, and that this concert could incorporate the 275th. Perhaps the American Legion could do a cookout the same night. The Committee would also be willing to do something else over the summer.

At the concerts there will be ongoing announcements about the 275th as well as historical tidbits. Priscilla Leavitt is interested in presenting information about the buildings that used to be on the green, as well as those that are there now. The Heritage Commission summer intern will work with Priscilla, and they may come up with a brochure and/or a model. There is still a need for a trailer and a storage place for the brick school house model to be recreated for the celebration.

The bandstand sign may be used for announcements for the 275th before Memorial Day. Concerts start on June 21. There will also be 275th signs at North Hampton businesses.

**Banners:** Paul Apple announced that there may be money to do the banners to hang on North Hampton streets. There will be a meeting to establish an estimate, and then it will be put on the May 31 Select Board agenda. The design will be the Cindy Burke design, but without the "275." There will be a group meeting to decide where the banners should go. The permission process with Public Service will be followed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, at 1PM in the Mary Herbert Room

Signed, Jane Boesch

