

NORTH HAMPTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY

Planning Meeting: March 15, 2017

Opening: Vicki Jones called the meeting to order at 1PM. In attendance: Donna Etela, Lisa Cote, Cindy Jenkins, Mike Tully, Vicki Jones, Joan Jones, Jane Boesch, Nancy Jane Luff.

Approval of minutes from February 15, 2017: The minutes were approved as distributed on February 20, 2017.

Old business:

Newspaper insert or booklet: Nancy Jane Luff met with the *Hampton Union* to discuss the timing and technical details of a newspaper insert about the 275th. Material would have to be submitted by September. The size would be smaller than a newspaper half page, and would probably be 8 pages long. The print would be “bright light.” It would be scheduled to come out on October 7. It would contain old photos and stories of North Hampton history. For 3000 copies (2200 to go in *Hampton Union* and 800 to distribute) the cost would be \$670. There is a local person who could help with the layout at a discounted price (\$150-\$200) which would depend on the number of hours it would take. There could be an advertising band at the bottom of each page if advertising were sold.

If the Committee decided not to go with the *Hampton Union* a separate booklet could be published and sold for \$1. Local printers will be contacted for prices.

Finances for 275th: Since the warrant article establishing a trust fund for 275th monies did not pass an alternative way of handling the money is needed. At present donations are going to the Historical Society (with “275th” on memo line) to be held for 275th expenditures (the trust fund would have started with the new fiscal year on July 1). If funds are to stay with the NHHS, an additional treasurer is needed to handle these monies.

There was further discussion of ways to handle the money. When the 250th was over there was \$12,000 left, and the Town used it for preserving old town records. For Town Hall Day all money was expended. PAL was able to hold separately donations for the school greenhouse.

The idea of a trust fund was to keep any left over money for future celebrations. The question remains that if monies are donated through the NHHS, what happens to any money left over? Would it go to the Town or the Historical Society? Should the 275th Planning Committee itself become a 501(c)3? Would that conflict with its status as a Town Committee? Vicki Jones will talk to Ryan Cornwell and Paul Apple for advice. No matter how the money is held an additional treasury person is needed.

Nancy Jane Luff wrote to 23 members of the North Hampton Business Association, and two donations of \$275 have been received and deposited with the NHHS.

In addition the NHBA also donated \$500 toward the barbecue on Memorial Day.

Memorabilia: Nancy Jane Luff has contacted a local vendor about doing t-shirts with the 275th logo; these would be cotton, in white or grey. One hundred is the minimum order, for \$7.85 per shirt. These would be sold for \$10 apiece. Sue Buchanan is willing for them to be sold at the Town Offices if the process is controlled. Dick Tharp has been asked whether the Boy Scouts would sell them at the Memorial Day barbecue. Tote bags were also

discussed, but they are more expensive and it was decided it would be better to do the t-shirts first.

A motion was made and approved to order 100 t-shirts, preferably in grey unless the logo does not show up well, or then in white.

Cindy Jenkins noted some of details of Deerfield's celebration: Timberland Community Band (\$1000); historical regiment (\$1000); barn tour; cemetery tour; flower garden tour; excavator rodeo; World War II vehicles. Deerfield's celebration seemed to have a large budget.

Harvest Dinner at Throwback Brewery: Nicole Carrier has been contacted about having a dinner at the Throwback Brewery on Thursday night, November 9. This would have the advantage of being a good draw, of not being outdoors, and of not requiring additional organization. The dinner would have to raise revenue equal to their expenses on a Thursday night, about \$4000 for 75 people. For \$45 a ticket would buy dinner; for \$55 a ticket would buy dinner and a beer-pairing. There was discussion of the cost of the tickets, but it was noted that Throwback would not make money, just meet expenses. If tickets did not sell well ahead they could be offered to people outside North Hampton.

A motion was made and approved to reserve the date of November 9 at Throwback. Nancy Jane will see if she can the dollar amount per ticket if possible.

Non-denominational church service: Jane Boesch said that it was announced in church last Sunday that the service would be "Thanksgiving Sunday." She will verify whether this means November 26, the preferred date, and let everyone know.

When the dates are set for the dinner and the service they will be added to the 275th flyers being handed out.

Recap of proposed activities:

For the **Memorial Day barbecue** Jane Morse is working with Paula Field and Jen Kutt. For the annual school picnic \$5 is charged per person, or \$20 per family. They usually have around 200 people there. The Committee is estimating there could be 250 people for the meal between 11 and 2. Both hamburgers and hot dogs will be offered. Shaw's has donated \$75. Philbrick's will be contacted. Money is needed for condiments and chips. Jim Maggiore is negotiating bottled water from Coca Cola. There appears to be no money left in the George Moore fund for Memorial Day candy/ice cream, and it is usually given out as a donation by Jen Kutt.

One Memorial Day both Town Hall and the Stone Building will be open. As well as exhibits, there will be a table to sell t-shirts. Little Boar's Head Garden Club would like to also sell their perpetual calendars and possibly plants. (They are going to do the 275th logo in their garden at the beach this summer.)

For the **October 13-15 weekend** there has been an inquiry about doing a drone airplane demonstration at the airport. This might depend on regulations about flying near planes. The Agriculture Commission is still looking for more equipment for the airport show.

Regarding the open houses for Saturday, October 14, someone is needed to provide coverage at Union Chapel. It has also been suggested that the North Hill church should be open that day. Jane Boesch will contact the church about finding someone to do coverage there.

New business:

Donna Etela described the preservation that Peter Sawyer recommended for the Ogden Nash wallboard recently given to the Historical Society. It would cost about \$1200. It was felt that this should be a project of the NHHS.

Closing:

The meeting adjourned at 2:35PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, at 1PM in the Mary Herbert Room.

Signed: Jane Boesch

See attached chart following: