

350th Anniversary Steering Committee

Nov. 2, 2023 – Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Stacy Bond, Mary King, Pat Shearer, Martha Morse, Bruce Kahn, Joan Stoia, Steve Stoia.

Called to order by Bond at 6:37 pm.

Citizen input: none.

10-5-23 minutes: Bruce moved and Steve seconded that the minutes from 10-5-23 be approved. Passed with Joan abstaining.

Treasurer's report: no report. Stacy asked us to get all outstanding invoices to Lindsay as soon as possible.

Merchandise: Stacy said that all mugs have sold, and a couple of crocks are still available. Joan said that posters are available and will continue to be on sale during the holiday season.

Time capsule: Rhoda has agreed to coordinate the time capsule but was not present at the meeting. Stacy requested that we all bring things that we think should be in the capsule to our next (final!) 350th meeting and we will select what we want in it then. We are considering whether the 350th capsule should be stored at the library rather than in the vault at town hall. The capsule will be available next meeting for us to see and fill. A carton of materials which may be the 300th time capsule has been found at the library; will Pat and/or Martha ask Carol O'Brien about it since Carol was on the 300th steering committee?

Committee/volunteer dinner: Please get your list of volunteers to Lindsay soon. Lenny Zarcone was suggested as a good possibility for entertainment at the event.

Reallocating Committee property to other town entities: Mary moved and Martha seconded that two tents and a marquee sign which were purchased for the 350th commemoration be recommended to the Selectboard for assignment to the Northfield Recreation Commission, which will use these items for recreational and educational purposes for all ages and in the public good. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Final months of 2023: Joan described the People vs. the Pipeline event happening on 11/12. It is recent local history dramatized, with video segments, and created from interviews with local people who were active in the events of the time (2014-2016). It will be available as a video to other groups and towns who might need to challenge an entity for the public good, and win. Joan also said that a separate audio program done by Michael Kline captures the thoughts and feelings of our indigenous neighbors (David Brule, Joe Graveline, Chief Longtoe, Douglas Harris) in a beautiful production called *Darkness Comes to Dawnland*. It is hoped that the library can arrange a program around this audio. (The name of the audio program was subsequently changed to ***New Lights in the Dawnland***).

Tree50th: final tree plantings are coming soon! All trees including those planted last spring will also be mulched; watering will be done by Northfield Junior Firefighters!

History book: Pat is committed to getting the history booklet written by Evelyn Parker into the hands of Northfield people. It is a short version of very early town history relying on Temple & Sheldon and prepared for students at the time of the 300th anniversary. It is entitled *Squakheag*. Pat has talked to Bee Jacque, Misha Storm and Patricia Kinsella about it. Bee has shown interest from the perspective of the Historical Commission. Achieving a reissue of it may mean doing it in the next year with other than 350th funding. Bruce reiterated that if he is shown the current version, he may be able to clean it up using tech applications. (Lindsay informed us post-meeting that 350th funds are available past the end of 2023 for this project).

Marionettes: the puppets are huge and require some muscle so Steve is seeking help moving them into Town Hall for the December program. Junior Firefighters were recommended.

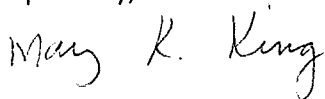
Thank you in Recorder: Joan will place an acknowledgment in the newspaper to appreciate sponsors, donors, and certain essential behind-the-scenes helpers without whom the 350th events could not have happened.

Chair's report: Norm will be with us at our next meeting and will take a group photo. How /if to use the 350th photos will be on the agenda. The Piti Theatre project is underway, and we hope students of NES will perform in a play during the month of December. The Town Administrator will accept any documents that you consider valuable or which you aren't sure what to do with as a result of our 350th work. They will decide what to keep.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 on a motion by Joan, seconded by Bruce, unanimous.

Next meeting: Thurs., Dec. 14, 6:30 Town Hall. GROUP PHOTO!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary K. King". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Mary King, Secretary