

# 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee

June 1, 2023 – Town Hall

## Minutes

**Present:** Stacy Bond, Lindsay McCarthy, Pat Shearer, Martha Morse, Bruce Kahn, Rhoda Yukavitch

**Called to order** by Bond at 6:32 pm.

**Citizen input:** None

**5-4-23 minutes:** Bruce moved and Pat seconded that the minutes from 5-4-23 be approved. Unanimous.

**Treasurer's report:** Lindsay reported that there have been no recent significant changes to the budget; Lindsay is preparing to pay Franklin County Technical School for their work on the Time Capsule.

**Merchandise sales table:** Pottery and other commemorative merchandise sales are continuing at events at a slow and steady pace. Lindsay will be checking with Chris at Four Star Brewery regarding a popup sale at Sunday's (June 4) Musicians of Northfield event. T-shirts listing all sponsors will be sold at Silver Screen's on-line store during two 2-week sessions beginning in about two weeks. Lindsay will be getting together with Magda to see about the volunteer T-shirts.

**Richard Little talk and walk:** Retired GCC professor Richard Little's talk about the geological history of Northfield is scheduled for August 25 at 6 pm in the sanctuary of Trinitarian Church. The geological walk is scheduled for October 21 from 10 – 1 pm. Pat has coordinated these events with the Kids and Family group.

**Piti Theatre/NES:** Conversations between the school and Jonathan Mirin continue toward a fall program. NES teacher Kelly Davis will not be able to coordinate this project, and the Committee will ask Nolan Kitfield to do so. There will also be a new NES principal beginning July 1. Bruce, as the chair of the Northfield Cultural Council, asked to have Jonathan send an email to him to update on date change.

**Symphony Concert:** Plans for the June 25 "Pops on the Green" Pioneer Valley Symphony Concert are in place, with a maximum of 250 people expected. It will take place rain or shine at the Beech House.

**Parade:** Stacy attended part of the recent parade meeting and gave a report in Magda's absence. Deadline for floats is approaching. The committee is still concerned with lack of music for the parade and wishes to reach out to any band connections that they know of to see who might be willing to sign up. Also, due to the parade as being the next big event after the symphony, the committee would like to invite all the volunteers from the Parade Focus Group to the next meeting in July.

**Chair's report:** The 350<sup>th</sup> in the Memorial Day parade was a success! Stacy noticed on BNCTV's website that there were over 422 views of David Brule's talk! Patter was at Selectboard getting event permit for BBQ and seems well organized for this big event! Our Zoom account is being utilized. Stacy attended Eric Gradoia's walk on architecture, Andrew Vernon & Friends "Musicians of Northfield" at Four Star, the Field Library Coffee hour, the Mill Brook walk and the KP walk. Rhoda and Dave still unearthing 300<sup>th</sup> info, and the location of the time capsule from the 300<sup>th</sup> still is undetermined. Bunting at town hall is up!

**Open Focus Group Discussion:** None needed.

**Fireworks:** Insurance is complicated with 4 different entities involved, but is being worked out between the two insurance companies. The Fireworks Company has been paid \$5,000 and there is a contract in place.

**Community Chicken Barbecue:** Patter Field has commitments from many Church and community volunteers for set-up and food preparation, under the direction of Lisa DeWitt, Franklin County Community Meal coordinator. Tables will be set up in the lower level of Trinitarian Church (Fellowship Hall) and, weather permitting, folks are invited to bring chairs to sit outside as well. It is estimated that there could be as many as 400 attending. A huge thank-you to Patter and Lisa and many others for making this happen!

**Dinner/dance:** Tickets are sold out.

**Golf tournament:** There is a lot of excitement! Golf course and Barry Bordner are leading the charge!

**Time capsule:** Lindsay will be putting information on the website and asking for suggestions on content. Some ideas from the committee were: newspaper articles, photos, pins, picture of committee, signs of the times, fashion, etc.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:29 on a motion by Bruce, seconded by Rhoda, unanimous.

Next meeting: Thurs., July 6, 6:30 Town Hall.

Respectfully,

*Mary King*

Martha Morse (for Mary King)