

Bicentennial Committee minutes for February 14, 2017

Meeting was opened by Steve Swallow at 6:55 PM. All committee members were present.

1. All members provided drafts of a mission statement for the Committee which were combined into one that we unanimously agreed to adopt. MISSION STATEMENT: "The West Newbury Bicentennial Committee will plan and execute a series of events in the calendar year 2019 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Incorporation of West Newbury on February 18, 1819. These events will be chosen to appeal to residents of all ages and will attract participants from the many, varied, interest groups in town. It will be a party to celebrate our past, present and future".
2. The committee will reach out to all interest groups now so that we can assist them in the planning, promotion, execution and possibly funding of events.
3. Nicole will draft a preliminary time line with a budget that will be added to and enhanced as we add events. The State has grant money for town and municipal celebrations; Nicole will procure what we need to apply for State funding.
4. When the committee applies for funding from West Newbury the following need to be presented
 - a. Costs and charges of events must be well thought out
 - b. Groups participating with events must have some consistent criteria that agrees with and moves forward the "mission statement"
5. John will work with Page School in search for a K-5 teacher who is willing to serve as a 5th member of the Committee
6. John suggested that we develop a logo for tee shirts etc. and recommended local artist Patricia Mansfield as a resource. He also mentioned the possibility of preparing "time capsules". He presented a preliminary listing of Town groups that may be interested in participating.
7. We discussed the possibility of raising funds via the celebration to leave a lasting gift to the town. For example the VFW building is a project without a purpose. Can we move something forward that can be planned around the historical building?

The agenda for the February 28, 2017 meeting will be as follows:

1. Preliminary time line, budget and availability of state funding
2. Draft letter to interest groups in town
3. Format for meetings with these interest groups
4. Candidates for 5th committee member
5. Schedule for future meetings