

# West Newbury Bicentennial Committee Minutes

December 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the First Floor Meeting Room.  
All Committee members were present.

## Old Business

**Discussion of the light/laser show** – Steve Swallow read an email from Rick Feehery regarding the laser light show. The idea is to combine the end of the Merrimack Valley Concert Band with the beginning of the light show and clear the stage to make way for the laser music presentation. Then the light show will begin, and then the fireworks will take over with the concert band with canons for the 1812 overture.

Action item:

1. Will the PA system be available on July 6th? (13th, with 14th as a rain date)?
2. Will \$20k cover the proposal as well as the PA system/audio?

## Ice Cream Social:

Cindy Adams from Long Hill Orchard presented plans for the ice cream social.

1. Ice Cream. It was noted that Glenn Kemper may be able to get a favorable price on ice cream. Cindy will speak with Glenn.
2. A serving area will be established for ice cream service, most likely larger than the area currently in place.
3. Traffic control and parking logistics will be discussed with Cindy/Long Hill Orchard.
4. Cindy shared her experience with the senior celebration, which went very smoothly.
5. The Committee will pursue the possibility of booking a band that is suited to the event.
6. The event will be on a Tuesday night. Cindy suggested 6-8pm.
7. The Committee will meet again with Long Hill Orchard in March to continue the discussion.

## Parade Logistics:

Jocelyn Fassett reported on safety precautions and rules employed by area parades as well as her recommendations for West Newbury rules. Steve Swallow made a motion to adopt the rules as put forward. The motion carried unanimously.

## Review and vote on proposal for West Newbury Bicentennial Laser Show:

Steve Swallow presented additional information about the laser light show costs and logistics. Greg Garnache discussed his concerns about the light show including equipment set up and possible hazards. Committee members expressed their views. Cindy Sauter made a motion to accept the proposal for the laser light show. The motion carried 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

**Update for Town Birthday Party:**

Judy Gregg and Krystelle Griskiewicz presented progress on the Town Birthday Party February 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6.

1. Judy reported that they are waiting to hear back from the Kelly family on pricing for children's entertainment. One additional police person may be required for the event; this was noted as one outstanding item.
2. Krystelle reported on her meeting with a balloon artist that could be used for decorations.
3. Krystelle reported on her meeting with the cake decorator: the cake will be 3-tiered and will serve 85. Depending on RSVPs, there can be 2 cakes. Gluten-free cupcakes will also be served.
4. Krystelle shared the final invitation with the Committee; they are being printed now.
5. The Committee also reviewed the draft of the official cake contest entry form.

**Update on field day re-enactors:**

Krystelle reported on her continuing meetings with the Reenactment company including budget and logistics. A budget cap of \$2500 was accepted by the Committee.

**Report on meeting with Peter Erickson:**

Greg Garnache reported on his discussions with Peter Erickson about the Carr Post Building. There will be a formal meeting next week. KC presented on her discussions regarding the project. The Committee would work in conjunction with the Carr Post Building Committee. The idea of creating a museum that will showcase West Newbury history beyond a war memorial will be presented at the next meeting.

**Progress on invitations and brochure mailings:** Steve Swallow reported on the mailings to potential event sponsors.

**Black tie working group:** Steve will meet with the working group and report back to the group. The group consists of Ken Diamato, Nicole Francoeur and Cindy Sauter.

**New Business**

**Photographer:** Steve reported on his meeting with a potential photographer. Judy suggested that The Daily News may want to have a staff photographer on hand. Krystelle suggested that we reach out to a West Newbury-based photographer for the February events.

**Community Service Project:** It was agreed that the Community Service Project be discussed at length at the first meeting in January.

The next meetings are scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Sauter