# West Newbury Bicentennial Committee Minutes 

February 26, 2019
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in the Second Floor Meeting Room. All Committee members were present.

The minutes of the meetings of February 13, January 15 and December 11 were accepted as amended.

## New Business

KC Swallow reported on sponsor activity to date. The Haverhill Bank and Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank are current bronze sponsors.

KC created stations for each planned event so that the Committee could brainstorm in preparation for the week-long summer event.

1. Parade: We are planning to have a float in the parade; we need a subcommittee. KC and Jocelyn are going to meet with Mary Winglass (she is in charge of organizing the parade). Members of the WNBC will get $t$-shirts for the parade. A Veteran will be invited to speak. Committee float has to be designed and executed. Give-aways are needed. Greg Garnache suggested that the float be designed to carry a message and decorations with Committee members walking along side. The inflatable birthday cake will be onboard. We need a name and a theme for the Committee float.
2. Bicentennial Brunch \& Opening Ceremony: Hats/t-shirts for volunteers, drone photo of town. Speakers (Lenny Mirra and Bruce Tarr?). Music.
3. Service Project: Cemetery clean up; garden club involvement. Memorial bricks/bench for small donors, potentially at Action Cove. Bill Bacharach needs to be brought into the discussion.
4. West Newbury History and Heritage Day: Jenn Solis and Jane Wallace Wild have videos to be showcased. Invite participants from the film to the event to share memories. Pictures and stories from the $100^{\text {th }}$ birthday. Mike McCarron has a collection of antique farm implements; the Committee will seek out other collectors. Essex County Greenbelt participation. Native American history. House tour (If this Old House could Talk). Historic Commission involvement. Steve volunteers to contact Jane Wild about a history DVD. The Committee voted unanimously to add some of the above events to the agenda; the motion carried.
5. Ice Cream Social: Volunteer scoopers. Clean up (including sticky hands). Music.
6. What WN Means to Me: Where do projects go after the completion of the event? Fife players. Kids costume contest. Food.
7. Movie Night and Bandstand Concert: Musicians? Movie selection... Goonies, Big, Lego Movie. WNFD grilling? Need popcorn service? The movie will be shown in the Annex.
8. Family Field Day. Tents. Props, schedule, games. Fireworks and light show. Music. Fife and Drum band. Color stations for town flag. Parking and shuttles. Tents. Check open space. Cindy Sauter will ask Deb Hamilton if she can announce the games. Food. Re-enactors. Artisan booths. Pony rides? Hobby horses. Face painting. Henna artist. Balloon artist. Children's entertainment. Canon coordinated with light show and start of fireworks. Memorabilia. Contact Parks and Recreation. Dog parade. Booth intended for Jenn's video.
9. Old Fashioned Dance. Low-cost alternative to the Gala. Line dancing with an instructor. Food? - Pot luck? Band (country music). Texas 2-step instructor. Square dancing?
10. Closing Ceremonies. We need a hook. Time capsule.
11. Memorabilia. Need a pre-order system. Printed cards with Tricia Mansfield painting. Plates? WN crock? Painting tile? T-shirts? Wine glasses? Wooden boxes? Copies of proclamation? Commemorative booklet (digital?)
12. Sponsors. Banner. Rusty Can as BBQ sponsor? Beer and wine tent sponsors (NBPT Brewing Company? Riverwalk?) Additional publicity to call for sponsors.
13. Bicentennial booklet. Advertising

## Old Business

## West Newbury Day at Fenway

Steve Swallow presented updates. Merrimack Valley Concert Band is discussing doing the National Anthem with Fenway personnel. Time is of the essence to make a decision on the ticket block. Steve will follow up with Committee members when updated on the band's discussions with Fenway personnel. The alternative is for the band to play on Jersey St.

## Ice Cream Social

Lark Madden has volunteered to play at the ice cream social at no charge.

## Treasurer's Report

Judith Gregg distributed the Treasurer's Report for review by the Committee.

## Tents

Judith distributed budgets for tents, chairs, stages, skirting, portable toilets, tables, linens, etc. to the Committee. Steve and Greg will visit the site tomorrow morning to assess the need for tents.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.
Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Sauter

