

West Newbury Bicentennial Committee Minutes

July 18, 2017

The committee was locked out of the 1910 building but decided if we sat on the bench by the entrance anyone wishing to attend would find us there. Consequently the meeting was opened by Steve Swallow a bit after 7:00 PM. Steve and KC Swallow and Kristelle Griskiewicz were present. Nicole Francouer was absent.

The minutes from the June 27, 2017 were approved as amended.

Steve Swallow talked to John McGrath and got the information we need to continue working with Tricia Mansfield on the logo project.

He also talked to John Cena's brother, Dan, who is a member of the West Newbury Police Department. Dan felt that John may be willing to make an appearance at the Bicentennial festivities. He was positive about the Police Department's participation.

Chief Dwyer of the Fire Department was on vacation when Steve called so he will try again later. We want to explore the possibility of having a Muster during the celebration.

Krystelle sent our email to her Pentucket contacts. The woman who makes banners was on vacation so Krystelle will contact her later.

KC sent out some emails to Town Offices and Committees and had two responses from the Police Chief, Art Reed and the Director of the GAR Library, Susan Babb. Both were eager to participate. She needs to get more addresses and continue sending the emails. She hadn't obtained Town Calendars for 2016-17.

Some new ideas include having an ending event, possibly Sept. 14-15 or 21, with a picnic and fireworks and a time capsule ceremony. Krystelle noted that Union Flag Shop had West Newbury flags. We should see if the shop and the flags are still there.

Action items for the committee include:

Steve Swallow

- Check with Police and Fire Chiefs about a venue for fireworks
- Call Fenway Park about a "West Newbury Day at Fenway"
- Procure venues for the Gala and Town Picnic

Krystelle Griskiewicz

- Develop ideas for a time capsule. Get high school history students involved
- Contact the local banner supplier

KC Swallow

- Continue to send emails to appropriate committees/offices

- Get town calendars from 2016/2017
- Make a synopsis of the events during the 1994 Sesquicentennial Celebration from newspaper clippings provided by Dick Cushing
- Talk to Nicole about being the contact with Tricia about the logo

Our next meeting will be on Tues., Aug. 22 at 7:00 pm. The agenda is:

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Old Business

1. Report on responses to email
2. Report on progress with logo project

New Business

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.