

West Newbury Bicentennial Committee Minutes

Aug 22, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:00. Two new members of the committee, Greg Garnache and Judy Gregg were present as well as Steve and KC Swallow, Nicole Francouer and Krystelle Griskiewicz. A third new member, Cindy Sauder, had not received notice of the meeting and was not present.

Old Business

Email Responses

We have received responses to our email from Jennifer Solis (Pentucket Arts Foundation), Kathy Mandeville (West Newbury Garden Club), Jane Wild (West Newbury Historical Society), Meredith Stone (Chief Assessor), Jean Nelson (Community Preservation Committee), Susan Babb (GAR Memorial Library) and Art Reed (Chief of Police). Most have expressed an interest in participating in the Bicentennial Celebration. The Pentucket Arts Foundation asked us to consider funding a reception prior to the premier of their film – Voices of West Newbury. Since the committee does not yet have a vehicle for accepting funding requests it was decided to tell them that we cannot commit at this time. We will begin to develop the application process at our next meeting.

Steve Swallow also talked to Chief Dwyer, Tom Flaherty and Brian Young about the involvement of the Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Committee and Bandstand Group in the celebration.

Logo Project

Nicole discussed the logo project with Tricia Mansfield. Although she is interested in participating in the Bicentennial Celebration she is not a logo artist and is somewhat uncomfortable with the project as described to her. She would prefer to work on an art show project, perhaps with the Garden Club.

The committee discussed alternatives including using school children's art, having a contest to select a winning logo, and using professional help with logo art. Greg Garnache suggested two artists, his son Nate and Jim Tingley who might be interested in helping with this project. It was agreed that a contest would have to be limited to either school children or professional artists. Greg agreed to contact Nate and Jim to determine if they were interested.

West Newbury day at Fenway Park

Steve spoke to Jennifer in the box office at Fenway and got information on how to arrange a West Newbury day. Tickets should be reserved by Nov. 2018 when they go on sale for the 2019 season. It may be wise to do a trip in 2018 to iron out the logistics.

He also reserved the dates for the gala and the homecoming week with the town. Work on the venues continues. Because of the small capacity of Old Town Hall we will look into other venues for the February gala. We will also reserve the school gyms and cafeterias and Old Town Hall for the July week.

New Business

Steve presented some books he had received from a company interested in producing a pictorial history of West Newbury. They are rather expensive and we cannot guarantee a minimum order, although it is an attractive idea. We decided to explore some other less expensive options.

Steve and KC have been invited to the September Garden Club meeting to discuss our planning activities.

Action items for the committee include:

Steve

- Check with Police and Fire Chiefs about a venue for fireworks
- Reserve venues for the Gala and Town Picnic. Reserve school facilities and Old Town hall for the entire July week.

Krystelle

- Begin to develop projects for school students at all levels

KC

- Explore alternative publishers for a History of West Newbury

Nicole

- Look at Groveland Fairways as a possible venue for the February Gala

Greg

- Contact Nate Garnache and Jim Tingley about the logo project

Judy

- Get contact information for the Library Trustees and Friends of the Library

All

- Look at our email list and see if you can fill in any blanks
- Review the events from the 175th anniversary in 1994

Our next meeting will be on Tues., Sept. 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The agenda is:

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Old Business

- Reports on progress on Action Items

New Business

- Begin to define a time-line for the celebration events
- Develop a vehicle for applications for funding
- Begin preparation of appropriation requests for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.