

## BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

April 10, 2019

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Full time Members: Kathy O. Roberts, Betsy MacDonald, Conrad Berdeen, Chris Cluff, Laura Dolce, Steve Hrehovcik, Angus Macaulay, Lori Parkinson, Dana Pearson, Steve Spofford, Ted Trainer

Town Liaisons: Blake Baldwin

Brick Store Museum Liaison: Cynthia Walker

Guests: Mike Pardue,  
Karen Tolstrup - UU Church Historian  
Lara Campbell - UU Church  
David Middleton - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass Regiment

Minutes: May Minutes unavailable

#### **Financials:**

Donations:  
Bibbers - \$1,000 Paid  
June Huston verbal  
commitment- \$100

**Bicentennial Magazine Stories:** Brick Store Museum C. Walker agreed to donate images free of charge  
Kathy O. Roberts will provide an intro and Article on Freed Slave Settlement  
Steve Spofford will provide a historical overview Possibly with Joyce Butler?  
Cynthia Walker to provide an article on Native Americans?  
Dana Pearson: to provide remaining stories. Deadline October 1st, 2019

Commitments:  
2 Bands  
2 restaurants  
Fire Baton Twirlers  
Tents, tables & chairs procured

#### **Block Party**

#### **Costumed Interpreters:**

This will be part of Launch on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Get a bus with AC and Steve S. will be narrating. There will be 2 2 hour narrated tours with an hour in-between. Atria & Huntington may offer? Their vans for handicap accessibility. Ticket price discussed at \$25.

We would like to have interpreters the day of the parade and block party.

**Freed Slaves:**

The next dig will cost \$37,000. Linda & Kathy have met with the Clergy Association and hoping to have individual churches donate \$ to help fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. With all the discussion on both a National and local level on racial and social discrimination, this seems like a good way to go. Christ Church has voted to give us \$1,000 and the UU Church is voting tomorrow night.

Chris mentioned the option of Town's Surplus Funds. It would have to go to the Board of Selectmen and if they approve it would have to go to a special election.

There are also grants to apply for but timing isn't really in our favor.

Phase 2 would be for the site application as a Historic Registered District for the State of Maine.

Phase 3 would be to tie up loose ends and approve Historic R. District. Funding to be sought through grant opportunities

**Map:**

Have it printed through the Chamber - \$0 cost

It will be the centerfold of the Bicentennial Magazine with 500 additional copies printed (map).

**Bicentennial Grand Marshalls:**

Ellen Spiller Fagan

Jean Spiller Perkins

**Quilt**

Signups are still slow.

**Re-Enactment:**

David Middleton made a presentation about doing a Re-enactment as part of the Celebration. They could set up for 1 day which would involve @ 1 dozen participants or set up for 2 days which would involve 2-3 dozen participants. They would prefer to do the 2 days. They would set up at Parsons Field with tents, cooking facilities and the activities would be public and family oriented. Battle re-enactment, dancing, cooking and music just to name a few of the activities that would take place. The cost would be \$1,000.

**Schools:**

Conrad has met with the principal of the Middle School and he was very enthusiastic. Conrad would like to have the students prepare a 1 page essay on local history or on an important person of the community.

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders would have the years 1820-1887. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders would have the years 1887-1954. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders would have 1954-2020.

**Stamp Cancel:**

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**State of Maine Celebration:**

Laura presented a report on the State's Bicentennial Celebration which will kick off on July 26, 2019. They would like to include Kennebunk in some of their activities. The State has a \$3 million budget. Statehood Day Weekend will be March 20-24, 2020. Tall Ship Festival in Portland July 16 – 19, 2020.

Would love to have us have a ship (not really feasible). The Grand Finale will be in October 2020. We can add our events to the state site.

**Souvenirs:**

One location to sell prior to celebration – Brick Store Museum

Glasses – sell \$5-\$10. Quantity?? Would like to have them to sell as Christmas gifts this year.

**Time Capsule will be presented on June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meeting adjourned: 4:25**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00**