

Newington 150th Anniversary Steering Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

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Town Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Francolino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Robert Blank
Walter Brideaux
Kathleen Marie Clark
Bill DeMaio
Joe Dubin
Eileen Francolino
Susan Gibbon
Anna Kubish
Jerilyn Nagel
Alison Manke
Nancy Manke
Max Turgeon

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. August 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. September 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. October 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- D. November 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- E. December 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Joe Dubin. Seconded by Max Turgeon. Motion passes unanimously.

IV. Public Participation

- None

V. Remarks by Committee Members on Public Participation

- None

VI. Correspondence

- None

VII. Consideration of Old Business

A. Spring Event at Indian Hill

- Chair Francolino stated that we need to make a decision whether to hold the event on April 2nd or not. I emailed the town manager for his recommendation and he stated it may be a bit risky to have it in April; the health director stated an event that is both indoor and outdoor may best be planned for. They are not saying yes or no.
- Joe Dubin stated that as much as he'd like to go forward, it's just too soon and people may be reluctant to buy tickets and April is iffy as an indoor/outdoor event.
- Susan Gibbon agreed.

- Anna Kubish agreed as well, April is too soon. How about the fall? I'm ok with it but many people may not be ok with crowds. Hoping a lot of people buy tickets.
- Susan Gibbon stated we really need more time.
- Chair Francolino stated what happens if someone buys a ticket and they get COVID do we refund the money? Indian Hill books up quickly, we may not be able to an event for some time.
- Kathleen Clark stated that she wouldn't be comfortable attending where it is now. Just don't picture this event in the summer. Fall seems to be an appropriate time to do it.
- Chair Francolino stated that if we do it in the summer, we can tie it into the Extravaganza somehow.
- Max Turgeon stated that Indian Hill doesn't have the seating capacity to do an outdoor event. Think doing it in the summer is a good idea. We just need to do it and put it on the schedule.
- Chair Francolino stated she doesn't think there would be a date available in May, June or July. They are pretty booked up.
- A consensus of the committee was for Eileen to call and reschedule the date.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding the event at Indian Hill.

B. Family Event

- Chair Francolino stated she did some research on possibly having a fishing derby.
- Kathy Clerk stated that she thinks this is a bad idea. Don't like the idea of people throwing fish back; dead fish all over the pond. Don't have a lot of volunteers.
- Alison Manke stated that she disagrees.
- Max Turgeon stated that New Britain did a fishing derby and it was very well received.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that the average depth of the pond is 2.5 feet.

C. Tag Sale

- Chair Francolino stated she had a call from the Greater Federation Women's Club - looking to do a tag sale the first weekend in June; do we want to partner with them? Could be busy graduations, etc. Graduation scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th.
- Kathy Clark stated that she and Jerry have been talking about it and having it on Saturday, June 11th. If you don't know any graduating it won't affect you. Think partnering with anybody is a good thing. The can do a central tag sale, but also people having them at home. Want Jerilyn or me to follow up with them? Are they willing to have the tag sale the following week?
- Bill DeMaio stated that they had one a few years ago in June and they were successful. Thought it might be good to have it on the same day.
- Chair Francolino asked if there was a fee for using the parking lot (in the center of town).
- Bill stated it is \$140 per day. Building a pavilion there with handicapped access and toilets and 25 picnic tables.
- Chair Francolino stated that she will forward information to Kathy Clark.
- Bill DeMaio stated that Pat Mahoney is active in the group.
- Kathy Clark stated she knows Pat Mahoney; is CERT team leader. How can we piggy back onto your advertising?
- *A lengthy discussion was held regarding this.*
- Chair Francolino asked if we wanted to do anything besides a tag sale that day?
- Kathy stated that getting volunteers is an issue. We want to provide a map as well to hand out that day.
- Chair Francolino stated that we have discussed doing a family event. Do we want to do something in the park on that day or another day? We can always get the blow up rides

from the National Guard, would need to work with P&R regarding power. What else can we do as a family event? Tried scavenger hunt. Any ideas?

- Bill DeMaio stated that there will be food trucks there on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Susan Gibbon suggested a movie night.
 - Chair Francolino asked how much to rent a movie screen?
 - Bill DeMaio stated that it's approx. \$1,000 - \$2,000. Also you can only show G rated movies.
 - Kathy Clark stated that there's always mosquitos.
 - Chair Francolino asked about using the gymnasium.
 - Bill DeMaio stated that you can call Big Daddy, they may rent screens. You can put up a portable movie screen and have a beautiful sound system in the gym. You have to pay a fee when showing movies to the public. Cost is
 - Susan Gibbon stated that James Krupienski is offering to let us use a 100 inch inflatable movie screen.
 - Kathy Clark stated that you can turn it into a pajama party. Floor will be protected.
 - Chair Francolino stated we can do this on a weeknight.
 - Susan Gibbon stated in June, after the school gets out. Doesn't the library have a subscription for movies?
- ***Motion by Jerilyn Nagel to have a movie night indoors. Seconded by Anna Kubish. Motion passed unanimously.***
 - Bill DeMaio stated you need to book that soon, June is a very busy month.
 - Kathy Clark stated that she wanted to clarify that the tag sale will be Saturday, June 11th and we will be renting the parking lot.
 - *A continued discussion regarding the tag sale was held.*
 - ***Motion by Kathy Clark that the 150th investigate partnering with the greater Hartford women's group. I will contact Pat Mahoney. The date would be Saturday, June 11th and we would be renting the pavilion in Constitution Square with an alternate date of June 4th. Seconded by Robert Blank. Motion passed unanimously.***
 - A continued discussion was held regarding the tag sale and people having tag sales at their homes as well.
 - Anna Kubish asked if the people having the tag sale at their own home, do they need to call and get a permit?
 - Cathy Clark stated that she will be contacting someone regarding that. Who do call at the police department? The Historical Society may be participating as well.
 - Bill DeMaio told Kathy to ask the dispatcher to direct her to the tag sale person.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- Alison Manke stated that the balance in the account is \$14,190.13. Recent activity is just a deposit.
- Chair Francolino stated that she picked up \$500 from Karma's Closet. Only 8 ornaments left - that was a huge success.

IX. New Business

- Chair Francolino stated we won't be getting a project in for February, next project would be March, April or May. June would be a pajama party?
- Bill DeMaio suggested the committee providing funding for the movie night?
- Chair Francolino asked if half the gym could be for the movie and the other half for other activities.

- Bill DeMaio stated yes. Just bought new soft foam blue blocks that they can use as well. We can ask Parks & Rec to waive the fees for the rental of the gym
 - Kathy Clark stated that we have enough money in our account and waive fees. Kind of on the fence about changing something.
 - Jerilyn stated just charge for food.
 - Chair Francolino stated that is we don't want to charge anything
 - Bill DeMaio stated that we should state that it's for children 4th grade and under.
 - Susan Gibbon stated that won't work. What if you have a five kids and one over 12?
 - Chairman Francolino stated that we may need to pay for entertainment. Can someone make a motion?
 - Kathy Clark asked if we need to rent a screen that will be our biggest expense.
 - *A lengthy discussion was held regarding the movie night.*
- ***Motion by Susan Gibbon to give Chairperson Eileen Francolino authorization to spend up to \$2,500 for a family movie night for our 150th Anniversary celebration. Seconded by Max Turgeon. Motion passed unanimously.***
 - Susan Gibbon stated that a 20' Inflatable Screen costs \$179.00 on Amazon. *A discussion was held regarding this.*

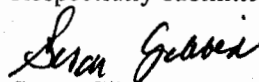
X. Remarks

- Kathy Clark stated that she thinks we should get t-shirts and have them available to sell at events. Think there are plenty of opportunities to sell them. Recommending that we have them to sell at upcoming events. Would only get short sleeves. Only get medium, large, extra-large and 1X.
- Chair Francolino stated we only have a couple t-shirts left.
- Bill DeMaio asked how many shirts you would want?
- Chair Francolino stated that they would have to be unique and creative. Need to look online for an idea.
- Kathy Clark stated that we can have a different color with the same logo. Still celebrating the 150th Anniversary.
- *A lengthy discussion was held regarding t-shirts, sizes, colors, etc.*
- Alison Manke stated that we don't really need to fundraise anymore, we have more than enough money.
- Chair Francolino stated that we still have pins to sell. We also need to display the quilt that was made for us and the painting that was done for use and sell raffle tickets for them. Not that we need the money, but we need to display, appreciate and show our gratitude to those who made those things for us. Would like to be able to do that this summer.
- Bill DeMaio stated that we are going to be doing about 35 concerts this year.
- Kathy Clark stated that we could take orders for them and they can come and pick them up.

XI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Susan Gibbon. Seconded by Anna Kubish. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Gibbon

Secretary – 150th Anniversary Steering Committee