

Minutes of the Nottingham 300th Committee Meeting
October 21, 2021
Nottingham Fire Station

Present: Rose Breslin-Dawson, Jaye Vilchock, Rhoda Capron, Steve Welch, Joe Welch and Steve Soreff

Rose gave Rhoda a letter from her school group with questions about the placement of the time capsule to give to the Selectmen. Rose is also looking for images for the kids to use on their t-shirts

Minutes of the September 30th were reviewed and accepted as written.

Pop-up – The pop-up held at the Recycling Center on October 16th was very successful. \$540 dollars was taken in that day and Lorraine Petrini turned in \$360 that she had collected selling ornaments. Rhoda turned in \$900 to the Town bookkeeper. We discussed how many more cookbooks we should order as there are only about 15 left. Though some were concerned we would end up with a surplus, it was decided to order 100 more so they would be available throughout the tricentennial year. Steve W suggested maybe having a potluck with people bringing dishes they had made using the cookbook as one way to boost interest in the cookbook. Rose asked for a copy to put in the time capsule. Other times to sell our merchandise was discussed. Lorraine Petrini has offered to help sell them at the Town Basketball Madness weekend which is the weekend before Thanksgiving. We will need other people to help out there. The Town holiday parade will include a craft workshop. Rhoda will check with Kortney about the committee having a table of our merchandise there as well. She mentioned it would be very helpful to be able to take credit cards. Committee members brought this up at a recent Selectmen's meeting and the Selectmen seemed favorable to the idea. Hopefully Chris Sterndale will be able to work something out soon so we can take credit card payments at our pop up events.

Commemorative License Plates – Steve W explained that we buy them and we get the profit. Laurie, the Town Clerk, was not in so no one had been able to get an update from her. The number of plates to be ordered was discussed. Laurie has suggested getting 100. Steve W thought we should find out the turnaround time if we order 100 then decide to get more. Rhoda will ask Laurie. Rhoda will send Rose a copy of the final design of the plate.

Bonfire – It was suggested that the ride from the school parking lot to the sandpit be referred to as a caravan not a parade. Steve W. has requested that one of the Selectmen make a brief welcoming statement. Lorraine had done a great job getting Coe Brown student volunteers to help with the Recycle Percussion event. Someone will ask her to see if she can get some to volunteer as parking attendants for the bonfire. There will be police presence.

Calendar – We reviewed the events calendar that Joe and Kortney have been working on in attempt to come up with specific dates rather than TBD.

January - The sign up for the beard and mustache growing contest will be January 15. Steve Welch is in charge of this event. Jaye offered to have the sign up at the fire station.

February -We are unable to get a date from the Conservation Commission about their Family hike/snowshoe so that will be listed as in the month of February.

March - The Historical Society's Pie Social is set for March 12 and Becky Rule play for March 19th. As of now no one has volunteered to take charge of the play but Steve W is confident it will happen.

April – no changes – Mini March April 23

May – No changes – Charter Day May 15 and Cruise Night around Town sponsored by Liars May 24.

June - the historic house tour has been modified in deference to Covid to be a tour of the Town Historical buildings which Tina Cooke of the Historical Society has volunteered to lead. Sandy Vilchock has talked to someone about doing something with historic gardens and will check in with her

and see what she is interested in doing. Steve W. suggested that the school kids could grow heirloom vegetables and flowers in the school garden.

July – Steve W. questioned where the public could view the boat parade. If there's no place available it should not be on our calendar. Steve S will check with LIA about that. Steve W will check with NYA to see if they are still willing to hold the old time Baseball game. Steve W will contact Reverend Killingsworth about the 4th of July celebration being held at Freeman Hall.

August – The date for the Fireworks was corrected to say August 13. Pancake was added to Blueberry Breakfast, Children's night was eliminated for now as it is uncertain it will happen, the rest stayed the same. Talent show August 16, Encampment and reenactment August 20.

September – Joe had talked to the State Park and has put in a request of the pavilion for September 17 as suggested by the Park Ranger as they like to turn off their water in mid-September. This is the same date the Fire Department Auxiliary was going to have their chili cook off but Jaye offered to change that to September 24. Farm Day was left with no specific date.

October – The scarecrow contest was not given a specific date as it runs all month. The Cemetery tour and Ghost walk was eliminated for now and the Recreation Department Halloween event was corrected to October 29.

November – no changes Recreation and Library story walk etc. Nov. 5

December – Holiday parade Dec.3, tree lighting eliminated due to lack of tree, closing ceremony left with no specific date.

These events will go on a 6 1/8 x 12" postcard that will be sent to everyone in Town. Joe has an estimated cost of \$1300 for printing and mailing. Steve W will call elsewhere for another quote from a printer.

Program book – we need ads. Steve W wants everyone to actively seek ads. Steve S has contacted Liars and the Mustard Seed. Rhoda will contact all the people who advertise in the newsletter.

Letter to Politicians – Steve S has drafted a letter to be sent to the Governor and State Senators and Congressmen asking for a letter for our book and to attend our events. This will not be a time for politicking. The British Consulate General has been contacted by Bob Davidson (who was unable to attend the meeting) and seems to be on board with attending Charter Day.

Joe reported that the Selectmen approved a donation of \$400 for the regiments participation in the Charter Day and March to Medford events.

Parade – The Police Chief and the Town Administrator suggested two possible parade routes, one from the school to the Recycling Center and the other from the Town Sand Pit to Little River Road. The committee feels strongly that the parade should be in the center of town. They discussed having the parade line up on Francesca, go past the Town Offices and disperse on Camelot Court. If Route 152 is closed people could park on one side of it. This will be presented to them for discussion.

The next meeting will be at the Firehouse on Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 pm so it will hopefully end earlier.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Capron