

Minutes of the Nottingham 300th Committee Meeting
November 18th, 2021
Nottingham Fire Station
Official as of 12/22/2021

Present: Steve Welch, Steve Soreff, Rhoda Capron, Joe Welch (via phone), Rose Breslin-Dawson, Bill Garnett (arrived around 7 PM), Jaye Vilchock (arrived at 7:45) Sandy Vilchock (briefly) guests: Brayden Behr, Brendan Behr and Barbara Henderson.

The minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting were accepted as written with one minor typo correction.

Bonfire: Chief Vilchock was at another meeting and not sure when he'd return so Sandy Vilchock brought us up to date on the bonfire. She and the Chief had been out to the sandpit the other evening and the hole for the fire is dug. The fire department has brought 2 loads of pallets to the site. The Recycling Center is still collecting pallets. The Christmas Tree Collection will be on January 3,4 and 5. The town will be divided into three zones and each zone will have a pick up day. People may be asked to bring their tree to the nearest main road. Publicity will be on Facebook, the Town website etc. It was suggested that there be another spot people could drop off their tree if those dates don't work for them. The sand pit would be ideal as that would not involve moving them again but it is not certain that is possible. It is hoped that the Chairman of the Selectmen will make some brief welcoming remarks to start off the celebration.

Time Capsule – Next Brayden Behr, a student member of the Nottingham Summer Institute Fall Edition program, gave an excellent presentation of what he and the other members of the program have done and plan to do for the time capsule. They have purchased a stainless steel time capsule that will be buried near the flag pole at the Community Center. They plan to include a Nottingham 300th Cookbook, a letter to their future selves, a t- shirt that they have designed with symbols meaningful to them about Nottingham, current prices for consumer goods, major headlines, coronavirus vocabulary words among some other things. Joe suggested they include a Historical Society 250 paper which has a lot of Town history written for the Town's 250's celebration. The plan is to have it buried for 25 years. It was mentioned that it is important to document the site it is buried so it can be retrieved then. Originally the plan was to bury it at the Square at the time of the Charter Day celebration. Since the Selectmen did not want to disturb the ground at the Square another time for the burial of the capsule had to be chosen. It was decided that it would still be buried on Charter Day but before the celebration at the Square began, somewhere around 11 or 11:30 am. The Committee members were very impressed with the work the group has done and the presentation by Brayden. Joe suggested the committee send a letter to the School Principal and the School Board commending the student's work. Steve Soreff suggested the students do a presentation to the Selectmen as well in the spring before it's buried.

Commemorative License Plates – Lori has ordered 150 plates but there was a covid outbreak at the shop so work had to be delayed. She is hoping to get them in next week. She is keeping a list of those who have come in to buy one and will contact them once the plates arrive. Steve S will publicize them in the Forum. We can sell them elsewhere as well.

Pop up Store – The next pop-up will occur at the Midnight Madness Basketball game if someone can be found to work it. Otherwise Rhoda and Bill will set up a table at the Holiday workshop after the parade on December 4.

Back to the Bonfire – Steve W. has talked to Lorraine Ferland about getting high school student volunteers to help with the parking. He has to fill out a form and get it to her to get the volunteers. Tiler dropped off a large number of reflective vests for the parking attendants to wear. He had another meeting and could not attend this one.

Bill suggested we find some one to make posters for each event and then get them out around town and in the stores etc. Rhoda will put something out on Social Media to see if we can find a volunteer to make the posters.

Parade – The Selectmen and the Police Chief have approved the parade route from Francesca along Route 152 (Stage Rd) to the Community Center. The Post Offices closes at 11:00 am so it was suggested starting the Parade at noon. However it will be August and could be quite warm by then. A starting time was not decided on.

Fireworks – Steve W. and Chief Vilchock met with Matt Shea from Atlas Fireworks. They looked at several spots in town. Matt thought the best spot was at the Community Center. The Selectmen will have to approve the site. Steve W. talked about maybe getting some class C fireworks for the bonfire. People liked that idea.

Program Book – Steve S reported that both Congressmen Chris Pappas and Maggie Hassan will send a letter for the program book. Rhoda reported that we have received 10 ads so far for a total of about \$1,000. It was noted that the library programs have been moved from November to September. Now there are no events in November. Rhoda brought up doing something on Veteran's Day. There was some discussion as to who should be in charge of planning that event. Bill suggested Joe write a letter to the Selectmen suggesting they take the lead on this event perhaps enlisting the aid of the Boy Scouts. Steve S has suggested to Kortney that the Recreation Department sponsor a Turkey Run. She seems to be considering that idea.

Reenactment – Bob Davidson was not present but reported that the reenactment will be an official event for the Regiments and his group are the official hosts.

Bill asked about a contract with the Nevers Band performance on Charter Day. Steve W suggested contacting them to see if there is a form they use. If not we can probably find one online that will work. We need a certificate of insurance from them.

Joe reported no word from the State about the request for using a shelter at Pawtuckaway State Park for the community picnic. He feels that if they don't grant our request there are other places in Town where we can hold it.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, December 22 at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Capron