

Minutes of the Nottingham 300<sup>th</sup> Committee  
January 12, 2022  
Nottingham Fire Station

Present: Jaye Vilchock, Tiler Eaton, Bob Davidson, Steve Soreff, Steve Welch, Steve White, Rose Breslin-Dawson, Rhoda Capron and Joe Welch (via phone)

The minutes of the December 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Bonfire Recap – Everyone felt the bonfire was successful. There were many positive comments on line. It was estimated over 100 people attended despite the cold evening. The crowd was a nice mixture of families with small children, school aged kids, old timers and new residents. The hot chocolate provided by the Rec Department was very much appreciated. The Committee also thanked the Chief. Steve S. mentioned some last minute changes that happened without notification to the committee. It was explained that last minute changes were made due to the previous night's snow storm.

Basketball Tournament update – The tournament will run from February 18 – 20 at the Nottingham School Gym. Six towns are invited to participate. The 300<sup>th</sup> Committee will look into selling pizza and drinks as well as 300<sup>th</sup> merchandise. Someone suggested a 50/50 raffle as well. All proceeds from the event will go to the 300<sup>th</sup> committee.

Conservation Walk – the Conservation Commission will be sponsoring a family hike/snowshoe depending on the snow conditions at Marston Field on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11. As the basketball tournament is for middle school aged children, it did not seem to be a conflict. The Conservation Commission will take care of publicity with help from the Recreation Department.

Postcard - It was decided to get the postcard of events printed on standard stock as it is much cheaper. The committee chose 6 x9 as it is the largest stock size available. Rhoda will send Tiler the updates for the calendar and he will get them printed and sent to her. Rhoda will divide them into the postal routes and bring them to the Post Office. Everyone who lives in Town will receive the card with the schedule of 300<sup>th</sup> events on it.

Corn hole sets – Tiler mentioned having someone make two sets of corn hole boards with the Nottingham logo on it to raffle off. The Committee gave him the ok to have it done. Steve S. mentioned that the PLIA is having a corn hole tournament on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Commemorative Books – It was decided that April 1 would be the last date ads would be accepted. So far we have sold about \$1500 worth of ads. We hope to sell much more. Chief Vilchock will send requests to his vendors.

Commemorative Plates – We have sold 80 plates and taken in \$2000. Laurie hasn't received the invoice from the State yet so we don't know exactly what they decided to charge us per plate as they had made a mistake and offered to give us a discount.

Budget – Tiler mentioned that the Selectmen want Steve Welch at their next meeting to review the budget. The committee will not be receiving \$5,000 from the Town this year. That means we have a total revenue from the Town of \$45,000. If we sold absolutely everything we will have taken in \$80,000. Steve will go to the Selectmen's meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Hats – Rhoda mentioned that she ordered 48 more hats in dark blue and dark green from Laurie. The hats have been very popular and there were only a couple of hats left.

Banners – The plan is to have 20 banners made by AMI Graphics in Strafford with 4 different designs. The banners will be 28” by 48”, double sided, vinyl and no show through. The costs are \$200 for the artwork, \$640 for the banners and \$1200 for the hanging hardware for a total of \$2040. We need to send jpeg photos of the art we want. The images discussed were the Nottingham Square Schoolhouse picture by Emily Dallaire, the Town Seal, the Historical Society Seal and I'm not sure what the fourth one was.

The school colors are green and gold. It was thought green banners with either gold or white would be good. Joe will ask the banner people what works. It would be good to have the banners up for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> event. It takes 2-3 weeks for them to print the banners once the design is approved. The goal is to get the information to the printer by the end of February.

Town Meeting play – Both Gunnar Foss, the former Police Chief, and Fawn Woodman, the current Police Chief, have offered to be in the play. Rhoda had contacted all the former participants and none of them had replied. The performance of the play is covid dependent. At this point any indoor activity is up in the air.

Town Picnic - The date of the picnic is going to be September 17 at Pawtuckaway State Park. After a few snafus, Joe was able to reserve the Youth Group camping area for that day. Though not his first choice, the site has most of the amenities that the other site has. The State Park will be hosting the event. All picnic goers will get free admission to the park that day and there will be no rental fee for the pavilion. Joe is hoping to get some one from the Park to give a little talk about the park history, features, etc at the picnic.

Encampment etc.– Bob Davidson gave a short presentation to the Northern Division and the Nottingham encampment is on their calendar of events. Registration forms were sent out for the militias to sign up.

Bob is hoping to have 40 -60 minutemen for the mini March as well as a rider or two to bring the news of the fighting beginning.

For Charter Day Michael Graves will attend as well as Shawn O'Shaughnessy will be in British costume. The 1<sup>st</sup> NH will be there too in costume.

Parade – The 1<sup>st</sup> NH will not be participating in the big parade. Dale's group will perhaps be willing to March. Step off will be at noon Chief Vilchok wanted to know if the parade route has been finalized. It has, so he will send out invitations to other Fire Departments to participate.

Beer Garden - The Town Administrator had brought up the idea of a beer garden the day of the parade and the fireworks. Someone who was licensed would have to run it.

Secretary – Rhoda is no longer available to be Secretary. Steve W asked for volunteers. There were none present. Rhoda will send out an email to the large mailing list seeking a volunteer.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Capron

