

**275<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**  
**MATTHEW THORNTON MEETING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Matt Casparius, Paul Micali, Anita Creager, Barbara Healey, Chuck Mower, John Lastowka, Chip Pollard, Laurie Rothhaus

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:04 pm

**Review Minutes of May 10, 2021:** Barbara made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita. Motion approved 8-0.

**Old Business:**

**Historical Society Scavenger Hunt**

Matt reported that 48 people have turned in the completed Scavenger Hunt cards. Anita reported that she is checking the sites every other day and refilling the clues and stickers as needed.

**Commemorative License Plates**

Matt reported that we have now sold 115 Commemorative License Plates and that we need to sell 25 more in order to break even on the total cost before we show a profit. Plates are on sale at Town Hall, the Parks & Recreation Department and the Transfer Station. Matt will also be selling them at Parks & Recreation events coming up.

**Recipe Book**

Barbara gave an update on the recipe books which have been printed and are now available for sale in the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall and Matt will be selling them at Parks & Recreation Department events. Matt will work with Barbara to create a sales tracking sheet to track sales. As of tonight's meeting, 5 have already been sold.

**Historic Photos at Town Hall**

John reported that he is working on the next Photo Display for the month of July which he is hoping to get done in the next 2-3 weeks.

**Update on the "How to Create a Windsor chair" workshop**

Chuck provided an update on how the weeklong workshop went. Over the course of the week, Chuck reported he had a wonderful time and got the opportunity to talk to lots of different people about the project. Merrimack TV created several video promos about the event which was also great publicity. People told him that they enjoyed learning about the process and wanted to see more things like this offered in the future. Lastly Chuck reported that the Chair is still under construction at this time and will probably be a few more weeks before it is completed.

**Update from the Fundraising Committee**

Laurie started by asking Paul if he had heard from Jordan Quagliumi; who is supposed to be reaching out to Paul Micali to finalize things with the website. Paul stated that hadn't heard anything else from them. Laurie said she would follow up with Jordan to see where things stand. This website is holding things up and if he's not able to commit, we may have to find another option to handle the fundraising.

The new online store with Mike Petrocelli is now setup. They will have shirts, stickers, wristbands and then as the year progresses other clothing options for sale each month. Laurie said they tried to get permission to have students help sell items in front of grocery stores, and other locations but couldn't get approval. She would like to set up a table along the parade route for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and will be looking for volunteers to assist. Matt will provide a table to setup on.

**New Business:**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Matt gave a quick update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. One of the new additions for this year is 2 Parade Balloons. He said thing of Macy's parade but on a smaller scale. One of the balloons for the parade is a Giant Birthday Cake and the other is Red, White & Blue Stars. He is looking for 16 people to walk in the parade as balloon handlers to guide the balloons up the route. Matt will be emailing the details out to the Committee looking for volunteers.

Also for the 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt talked about Boston Post Cane Award Recipient Arthur Haight to serve as our Grand Marshall. Everyone thought that was a good idea and Chip said he may be able to provide a car for him to ride in it needed. Matt will reach out to Arthur and see if he is interested and available.

#### **New Event Ideas for Discussion:**

- **Native American Talking Circle:**

John reported that he spoke with Auntie Crow about the Native American Talking Circle and she could do either July 10<sup>th</sup> or July 17<sup>th</sup>. The maximum number of attendees is 20 and we will need to take advanced registration; which Matt reported that he could take care of. The date of July 17<sup>th</sup> at Wasserman Park down near the Theater was settled upon and Matt asked John to come up with a description for publicity. John asked if some members of the Committee could also be in attendance.

- **Passaconaway Tree Project:**

Chuck brought up the Passaconaway Tree Project and wanted to discuss possible locations for a memorial tree to be planted with a commemorative plaque. Paul suggested talking to DPW Director Kyle Fox on some ideas for possible locations but suggestions were made for the Meetinghouse or Last Rest Cemeteries; Watson Park and Fraser Square.

- **Indian Princess Program:**

Chuck talked about the Indian Princess story which is an 8 minute ballad that he could recite. There was a suggestion to maybe tie it into another event such as before one of the summer concerts in the park. With that idea; one suggestion was Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> which is the children's concert in partnership with the Library's Summer Reading program.

- **Guided Historical Walks:**

Chuck talked about offering a guided walk at Twin Bridge Park talking about the history of the area. Everyone thought this was a good idea and Matt asked Chuck to come up with a date when he would like to offer this.

#### **Next Meeting:**

A date for the next meeting has not yet been set. There was a brief discussion about possibly meeting the week of June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss any last minute details related to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but nothing set in stone.

**Motion to adjourn:** Laurie made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm and it was seconded by John and approved 8 -0.