

250th Celebration Committee

December 8, 2016

Present were Ron Reynolds, Carol Lenahan, Paul Yelle, De Robitaille, Mary O'Brien, Frank Cocchiarella, and Sharon Davis.

Ron Reynolds, who volunteers at the Selectmen's office and assists with the Town's web page and mapping systems, advised that a 250th Celebration page has been added to the web site where notices can be posted as well as committee minutes, etc. Paul will forward Ron a copy of the banner logo so that Ron can place it on the web site.

Carol Lenahan reported on the status of the banner campaign. She has had wonderful success as she has already sold the first 30 banners! Now, the question is, do we want to do another 30 as there is a lot of interest expressed by business owners in town. Carol explained that she has been talking with Floyd Wilkie of Top Notch about installing the banners on utility poles throughout the town. He will install the first 30 in exchange for two Top Notch banners. Carol will approach Floyd about installing the second batch of banners and see what he says. If we are going to do 30 additional banners, the hardware will have to be ordered immediately.

There was a short discussion on commemorative items, such as coffee cups, T-shirts, etc. Also a discussion of approaching businesses about purchasing and displaying commemorative buntings on their business façades. Carol provided information that she obtained from Steve Rand on Plymouth's "Bunting Brigade" campaign. Sharon will use this information and see what we can come up with for a bunting program and report at the next meeting.

There was discussion of a fireworks display at the end of the celebration day. Carol advised that Plymouth had hired Hell's Gate Fireworks Display out of Rumney, and it cost the town \$12,000. Sharon will contact Hell's Gate and get a quote for a fireworks display for Campton.

There was a discussion on the need for advertising, and we should be putting together a flyer announcing the day of the celebration with the message of save the date and the need for volunteers.

Further discussion lead to tentatively scheduling the 5K Race at 8 am using the same course that was used at the Old Home Day Celebrations. Paul will ask Dave Moriarty to attend our next meeting so this event can be firmed up.

Mary O'Brien agreed to talk to the Forest Service about the celebration and see if they want to participate in the celebration day and if they want to purchase a banner. Mary will report at the next meeting.

De agreed to contact the Boy Scouts and bring the information to the next meeting.

Next, was a discussion of having a breakfast at the Campton Congregational Church. Paul Yelle will speak with Scott Pulsifer on this and report to the next meeting.

9:00 officially open the celebration by a Proclamation by the Selectmen and possible proclamations from the Governor and US Senators.

Later in the day, have Contra Dancing, BBQ, and end the day with fireworks. Sharon will talk with the Fire Dept. about the BBQ.

Ron mentioned that Hot Air Balloon tether rides are very popular. Ron will contact Rockywold who recently had an event where the tether rides were offered, and he will report back at the next meeting.

There was discussion about the need of tents and especially a very large tent with a wooden floor for dancing. Frank advised that he had attended a great wedding in Rumney last summer that had such a tent. He agreed to contact a friend and find out more about that tent and report back to the committee.

There was discussion about the need to come up with a budget ASAP as it will need to go before the selectmen very soon. Sharon agreed to tackle developing a budget and reporting at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at CHS.