

## 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Meeting

January 12, 2017

Present: Brooke Brown, Mary O'Brien, David Moriarty, Martha Aguiar, Ron Reynolds, Paul Yelle and Carol Lenahan

The following discussions ensued:

- Having possibly three celebration events instead of one.
  - **August 5<sup>th</sup> be "Explore Campton Day"**
    - 5K Fun Walk/Race in the morning
    - Upper Village Tour – Martha Aguiar and Mary Ellen Bourque are working on a walking tour brochure
    - Tour of new Forest Service building followed by nature walk on property which includes a cemetery in the woods
    - Ski Fanatics possibly shuttle and rent kayaks for a river run (have to check this out)
    - Bike tour from Campton Historical Society lead by Paul Yelle and Robin Adams (need to check) going across all three covered bridges
    - Plane rides over Campton (need to check)
  - **Late August or early September**
    - Contra dance and potluck at Mountain Fare Inn (need to check) and Paul knows of three people with contra dance connections
  - **September 30<sup>th</sup> – the BIG DAY Celebration**
    - Proclamations at the American elm tree (10ish?)
    - Park & Rec – kids activities
    - Woodsy Owl and Smokey the Bear will be present from the US Forest Service
    - Mo the Clown
    - Jim Gliech – Circus workshop
    - Face painting (Paula Moriarty/Makala Keeney?)
    - Cart pulling
    - Horseshoes
    - Book Swap (at CHS)
    - 250<sup>th</sup> Photos contest
    - CHS doing demos, ice cream social, bean hole beans among other things
    - Field trip to Livermore Fall
    - Chris White (need to check) live music & DJ

- Baker Valley Bank is available for old time music
- Jackie Lee with the Thompson Boys
- Tent & floor set-up for dancing & dining
- BBQ
- LARGE Birthday Cake, sing happy birthday – group picture
- Fireworks

**License plates** – Mary O’Brien explained that the celebration license plates were \$20.00 each, made by the State, our logo could appear on them and they could replace the regular front number plate for about a year. There would be consequences to the car owners if the license plate is not removed by the first of 2018. Mary will get more info and report back to the committee.

**Balloon tethering** - Ron Reynolds reported that the balloon tethering at Rockywold was a private affair done by a guest about 5 years ago in the off season. He could get no more info other than the only hot air balloon outfit he could find was in Massachusetts, so it is unlikely this event will happen.

**Pole Banners** – Carol Lenahan reported that 18 of the original 30 banners are up. She and Floyd Wilkie were hoping to put up a few more banners on Jan 13 if the weather permitted and Floyd’s schedule permitted. There are less poles available than was originally thought, for various reasons; ie conduits, poles too far from the road to read, too close to intersections, etc.

**Sharon’s update** - Carol presented Sharon Davis’ update as she was not able to attend the meeting.

- Budget approved by Selectmen on 1.9.2017 – still needs to go before budget hearings & town meeting. Copies of budget were distributed
- Contacted Russ Rigoli at Hell’s Gate Fireworks and he is all set to do fireworks.
- Contacted Fire Dept about BBQ – Chief Defosses and Jay Wagner of the Fire Association are supposed to get back to us in early January.
- Looked into Buntings – we will probably buy on Amazon as they are cheaper at Amazon than in the catalog that Steve Rand had provided. We’ll need to talk about who will help approach businesses about purchasing the buntings once I come up with a total price and marketing handout.
- Email conversation with Sally Moulton about Common Man possibly manning a Bar at the celebration. She said Common Man is not interested and that it would be very costly for town and state permits would be hard to get! So that puts that idea to bed!
- I still need to talk to Selectmen about their proclamation for that day, and also need to write to the Governor and Senators. Is there anyone else we should approach?
- Celebration Handouts. Celebration Day handouts – would appreciate each committee member taking a few handouts and distribute around town. Mary’s idea about having a handout at Town Meeting voting day is a good one. We’ll have something more

professional to hand out that day! Of course, we'll need volunteers to be at the polls that day (3/14/17).

There are other items we need to talk about such as T-shirts, other merchandise, food vendors, etc.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Campton Historical Society.