

250th Celebration Committee Meeting

February 16, 2017

Present: Brooke Brown, Mary O'Brien, Ron Reynolds, De Robitaille, Paul Yelle, Susan Prestin, Carol Lenahan, Betty Ann Coy, Pastor Mike Pelletier, Willis Merrill, Carol Uhlman and Sharon Davis

The first task of the committee was to develop tentative event agendas for August 5th and August 26th.

The first discussion was about August 26th as Susan Prestin of Mountain Fair Inn was on a tight schedule. Representatives from the Baptist Church (Betty Ann Coy, Pastor Mike Pelletier, Willis Merrill and Carol Uhlman) joined the meeting today as the church is very interested in participating in the August 26th celebration. After much discussion, the following is the tentative schedule for that day:

5 pm to 7 pm - All Nations' Potluck Dinner @ Campton Baptist Church, Main St.

6 pm to 8 pm - Contra Dance @ Mountain Fair Inn, Old Waterville Rd.

8 pm to 9 pm - Open mike @ Mountain Fair Inn

Susan stated that she and her husband Nick (owners of Mountain Fair Inn) would donate cider as part of the refreshments available at the dance and De Robitaille stated she would donate bottled water. Sharon advised that snacks will be provided by the Town.

The next discussion turned to the events of August 5th to be known as 'Explore Campton Day'. After much discussion, the following is the tentative schedule for that day:

8:00 a.m. - 5K Race*

10:00 am & 1 pm - Upper Village Walking Tour*

10:00 am – Noon - Bike Tour of Town's 3 Covered Bridges

10:00 am – 2 pm - Campton-Thornton Fire Department Open House

10:30 am – 2 pm - River Run with Kayaks **+

11 am – Tour of Forest Service Building

Noon - Nature Walk – Blair Woodlands, Route 3

***Still need to talk with Woodpeckers – Cheryl McHale**

**** Still need to talk with Covered Bridge Farm Table – Jenn Leonzi**

+ Still have to talk with Ski Fanatics – Katie Gallagher

Carol Lenahan brought the committee up-to-date on the banners. All 60 have been sold with 27 more to go up. However, there is still great interest by others in purchasing banners. Carol suggested that we limit it to 15 more. She will talk with Floyd Wilkie of Top Notch to see if he would agree to hang 15 more.

Mary O'Brien shared what she found out about the celebration license plates and celebration buttons. She advised that plates cost \$10 to \$14 per plate and sold for \$20. She also learned that Rumney is using plate "toppers" at the request of Rumney's Police Chief. By using toppers, folks don't have to remember to remove the plate come January 1, 2018 – the toppers can stay on the vehicle. Toppers are 10" x 4" and customized cost is \$7.50 plus an artist fee of \$52.00. Mary was asked to order 100 toppers in green and white and hopefully we'll have the plates by the end of April.

A discussion ensued about patches as Martha Aguiar wanted to have patches as a giveaway on Explore Campton Day. It was suggested that we giveaway the buttons that could be made by the 'topper' company, and we should have a patch developed for the Celebrate Campton embroidered on baseball caps that could be purchased as a souvenir. Discussion moved into other memorabilia such as T-shirts and coffee mugs. De Robitaille agreed to look into the T-shirts. Carol will talk with Lisa Lundari about coffee mugs.

Ron Reynolds shared that the 2016 Town Report begins with a whole section on the 250th Campton Celebration including a short written history and a picture of the celebration banner on the front cover!

The events of September 30th will be the topic for the next meeting which is scheduled for March 9th from 3:30 pm to 6 pm at the Campton Historical Society.