

# 10/27/15 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Fie Budzinsky, Linda Dudek, George Dupree, Andrea Freibauer, Lucinda Hogarty, Cathy Iino, Tom Lentz, Mike Parahus, Lewis Scranton, Charlie Smith, Les Riblet

**Absent:** Carl Nord, Michelle Adametz

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM. Introductions were made around the room. It was announced that Linda Dudek, Fie Budzinsky and Carl Nord have been added to the committee and have all been properly sworn in.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Lew Scranton, seconded by George Dupree and approved by unanimous vote of those eligible to vote.

## Appointment of Secretary

Linda Dudek was nominated by Lucinda Hogarty for the open position of committee Secretary. Nomination was seconded by Lew Scranton and approved by unanimous vote of those eligible to vote.

## Subcommittee Reports

**Resident Recognition** - Lew and Linda have been putting together a list of people who were born in Killingworth and have lived here for at least 60 years, tentatively called "Killingworthies." There are currently 46 on the list, which is still under revision and review.

### *Discussion/Suggestions:*

- Interviewing the Killingworthies and working in conjunction with Dave & Mary Meixell and the oral histories they have been compiling for the Historical Society. Add maiden names to the list for reference. There was a discussion of raising the threshold for the number of years to reduce the list of names, but it was determined that no change would be made at this time.
- Giving a special recognition for the longest resident; Linda and Lew will determine if this can be determined and if so, will be brought to a vote at a future meeting.
- Do some research into founding families (such as Parmelee and Wilcox) to see if any descendants still live locally and perhaps creating a map of how far the descendants have spread out over the country and the world. As far as the committee is aware of, no descendants still live in town.
- Andrea offered to create a Facebook page to help with the effort to find Killingworthies as well as to keep the community aware of the committee's activities.

*Action Items:*

- Linda will work on an article to be placed in the January Killingworth Krier to look for people to add to the list.

**Cowboy Valley** – George reported that Dan Perkins has agreed to be the moderator for an informational program about Cowboy Valley. It was brought to the committee’s attention that Eric Hawkins was the founder of Cowboy Valley and his descendants may be willing to assist with mementos and information.

*Action Items:*

- More definitive plan of what the program will be needs to be determined. Suggestion about holding it at the HKMS Auditorium.

**Historical Society** – Tom reported that steady progress is being made on compiling the oral histories and planning the scavenger hunt.

*Discussion/Suggestions:*

- Committee members asked about what the culmination of the scavenger hunt would be and where, and this needs to be determined. A suggestion was made that a picture of successful scavenger hunt participants can be taken during the picnic/parade tentatively planned for September 2017.

*Action Items:*

- TD Bank gave the committee 35 color prints from the mural on the wall at the bank, which was created from a black and white print provided to them by the Historical Society. Discussion of what to do with the prints was tabled for a future meeting.

**Killingworth Women’s Organization** – Andrea reported that a committee still needs to be formed for the revision of the commemorative booklet. She also has been talking with Dave Gumbart, President of the Lions, on a combined effort for the picnic/parade. Michelle Adametz will be the designated point person on the committee for this large undertaking.

**Public Relations** – We need someone to work on coordinating efforts for advertising and the 350<sup>th</sup> page on the town website.

*Discussion/Suggestions:*

- Four logo designs were presented to the committee and discussed. Suggestions were made regarding removing the dates, since we are using the town logo as a basis and the town incorporation date is part of the logo. The committee favored the simpler design, but a vote was not taken on a final logo.

*Action Items:*

- Cathy will look for a designer to work on the logo.
- Lucinda will ask Carl if he is willing to take on the PR role for the committee.
- Discussion and a vote will be taken at a future meeting to determine
  - A final logo
  - How the logo will/can be used and rules of usage
  - If the committee will charge organizations to use the logo or whether it will be offered up for free as long as organizations follow the rules of usage
  - Whether the committee wants to review usage of the logo (all uses or just situations where the organizations are going to be creating a product to sell)

**Budget** – Les reported that he has been working on a list of budget items and asked the committee if anything needed to be added or deleted. We will need to come up with two budgets, one for July 2016 – June 2017 and one for July – December 2017. Items below are listed in no particular order:

- Printing/postage \$2500 (town has postage permit we could use)
- Public relations (Krier ads, banners, signs)
- Town parade/picnic – traffic control, cleanup
- Transferring analog footage of the original Follies into digital format
- Professional videographers/photographers for events (drone footage?)
- Insurance
- Internet
- Plaques/awards
- Program facility rentals
- Speaker fees

*Discussion/Suggestions:*

- Cathy indicated that she was able to do some research on other town's anniversary celebrations. For example, Haddam was given seed money of \$3000, sold t-shirts and mugs and ended up

giving the town back \$500. It was suggested that maybe TD Bank or the Killingworth Foundation may be willing to provide seed money.

- Committee discussed that some of the budget items would not be the responsibility of this steering committee, as it would go back to the hosting organization. For example, KWO will be doing the commemorative booklet and the ad revenues will offset the cost of printing.
- Cathy indicated that there is \$1822 that was recovered from the state's Unclaimed Funds program. This was the amount left over from prior picnics. We may be able to use these funds but that use has to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- Discussion about sponsorships/levels of sponsorships to help offset costs of events or provide seed money for this project so that there will be zero cost to the residents in town.

#### *Action Items:*

- Les will continue to refine the budget and submit a reasonable budget proposal for July 2015 – June 2016. If the committee ends up obtaining money from other sources, we don't need to use this budget money once approved but we can't ask for more at a future date for this time period once a budget proposal is submitted. Budget deadline is the day before the committee's January 25, 2016 meeting.
- Need approval from Board of Selectmen to use the \$1822 from the previous picnics for this venture.

#### Next Steps

Lucinda will not be at November 24 meeting, but it will be run by Charlie as co-chair. Linda and Charlie will work together to ensure that agenda is published within the required timeframe. December 22 meeting may be cancelled; if this is decided, proper notice of cancellation will be given.

Next meeting will be on November 24, 2015 at 7 PM at the Killingworth Town Hall.

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:28 PM.

*Meeting minutes submitted by Andrea Freibauer*

