

KILLINGWORTH 350TH COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

December 22, 2015

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Killingworth 350th Commemoration Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Lucinda Hogarty at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

The following members were present: Lewis Scranton, George Dupree, Charles Smith, Andrea Freibauer, Thomas Lentz, Lucinda Hogarty and Linda Dudek. Carl Nord arrived at 7:03 P.M. and Michelle Adametz arrived at 7:11 P.M. Also present as a guest: Yale Gordon. Absent: Mike Parahus, Les Riblet and Fie Budzinsky.

Tom made the motion to approve the November minutes as presented. Seconded by George. Motion carried unanimously. Lucinda abstained as she was not in attendance at the November meeting.

Lucinda reviewed the proposed budget. She noted that Cathy Iino said the Town had received \$1822 from the State of Connecticut unclaimed funds. The money is in the General Fund but will be designated for the 350th celebration. Tom suggested additional funds might be needed for the parade if we hire a fife and drum corp. Lucinda noted that the parade would be in the 2017-18 budget year. We should consider raising the parade line item by \$1000 to a total of \$2000. Linda suggested contacting Lauren Blaha for information on fife and drum.

A lengthy discussion on a calendar of activities took place. Lucinda suggested starting with an article in the Krier in January 2017 explaining the events planned for the celebration. She further suggested asking teachers to be involved in a poster contest. Carl noted that his wife, Ann, would be willing to coordinate activities with the school. George would do a display of his Killingworth postcards in the library. Lucinda thought the library would host a program on folk art and/ or the Birds of Killingworth.

A program on Cowboy Valley might take place in March or April. This could be held at either the Middle School or KES.

Lucinda noted that May 9th was the "naming day" for the town. This might be an appropriate day for a proclamation from the state and also the Board of Selectmen.

Andie reported that the Facebook page for the 350th would have a soft launch in January.

Other activities will be the oral history which could include the "Killingworthies" reminiscing about the town and a scavenger hunt/trivia game.

Lucinda suggested a rededication of the Tercentenary plaque around July 4th. We will need to have the plaque and stone cleaned.

The celebration would culminate with a parade and picnic in September. Winners of contests could be awarded prizes at this time. The Lions Club and Killingworth Woman's Organization would assist with the parade and picnic. Michelle noted she will be meeting with Rick Albrecht for parade suggestions. Linda will check with the Parmelee Farm Committee on use of the farm for the picnic. It was suggested that the parade start at 10:00 A.M. on Route 81 near the churches and proceed to Parmelee Farm. A town picnic would follow at the conclusion of the parade.

Charlie reported that the Congregational Church would hold a special service during 2017.

Lucinda will send members a copy of the proposed calendar.

Discussion on the Follies was tabled until more information can be gathered regarding the quality of the original video and gathering information from individuals involved in the original production (D. Denvir, D. LeVasseur, S. Smith). Tom suggested the Historical Society could do a photographic display of the original Follies.

Andie will follow up with the Chamber regarding a booklet. She will speak with Susan Gumbart for assistance with a booklet.

George questioned "violence" in the Cowboy Valley video. Lucinda noted that a qualification can be made: "violence is referred to" that would alert parents that the video did have mock robberies and gunfire.

Lucinda suggested cancelling the January meeting. The next meeting will be in February.

Yale Gordon brought a copy of the original Tercentenary poster. He offered to reproduce the poster that could then be altered by an artist for the 350th celebration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Secretary