

350th Killingworth Anniversary Commemoration Committee Meeting

May 26, 2015

In attendance: George Dupree, Andrea Freibauer, Lucinda Hogarty, Tom Lentz, Lewis Scranton, Charlie Smith

Excused: Michelle Adametz, Mike Parahus

Attendance was taken and introductions were made for the benefit of Andrea, who had missed the inaugural meeting. The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved. Lucinda indicated that the agenda for the meeting was to obtain reports from the reach outs assigned at the last meeting, develop a draft calendar and select a treasurer for the committee.

Charlie provided an update of the contacts he had made with the different organizations in town. Most weren't aware that the 350th was coming up and wanted to know what we had planned. All of the organizations indicated that they need to go back to their boards for approval but were enthusiastic about the project.

Contacts:

- Congregation Church - Rev. Martha Bays, 663-1789. Trustees meet 6-3, Council meets in June.
- Catholic Church - Father Joe DeCosta, 663-2576, Council meets 5-28.
- Rock Church - Spoke with Secy Peggy (663-2069) who will speak with Rev. Young, most members live out of town.
- Emmanuel - Justin Smith will speak with Darcey Smith (663-3288) who is on the Vestry.
- Chamber - Tim Gannon (860-395-9887) will speak with his board. tim@gannonphoto.com
- Rotary - Annie Stirna will help. annie_stirna@comcast.net.
- Lions - Meets 6-10. Contact is Dave Gumbart, dgumbart@tnc.org.

Lucinda provided an update about the Killingworth Library's ideas for the 350th. They want to tentatively hold seven programs throughout the year, utilizing topics they have had in the past (graveyards, birds, etc.) and focusing on making them Killingworth-centric.

The following ideas listed on the preliminary items were discussed:

- Time Capsule – Discussion that this project could be performed by Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts or Killingworth Elementary School students.
- Scavenger Hunt and Oral History.– Projects that the Historical Society is considering.
- Brochure/ Commemorative Booklet – Lucinda asked Andrea to take this idea back to the Killingworth Women's Organization to see if they would be willing to work on this project.
- Remembering Cowboy Valley – There are a few people in town as well as people that some of the committee members (Marty Machold, Dan Perkins, Dave Walton) know who worked here or attended when it was in operation (1957-1959), the committee would like to do something in regard to this attraction but no definitive plan was proposed.
- Parade/Picnic – Discussion regarding that since the town anniversary is technically May 9, perhaps we could combine the anniversary parade with the Memorial Day parade in 2017, ending at Parmelee for the 350th celebration. The committee discussed who needed to be contacted. Charlie offered to discuss idea with Cathy Iino and Rick Albrecht prior to the next meeting. There was a treasury to fund a town picnic that he will look into, too.
- Honoring Residents of 60+ years – Discussion regarding honoring those residents who have lived here at least 60 years (about 12 people that the committee know of so far) and what we can do to honor them. Ideas were to have them on a parade float and having Cathy Iino issue a proclamation of recognition.

Additional ideas suggested at meeting which need to be discussed/researched –

- 350th website – Andrea will contact Peg Scofield who is the webmaster of the Killingworth Town Website regarding adding a page to the town website dedicated to the celebration.

- Chatfield Hollow State Park – Discussion of the historical significance of how Chatfield Hollow came to be (CCC) and should we be incorporating that into the celebration. Will need further discussion at next meeting.
- Tom Lentz will do a series of historical articles for the Krier—this is already in the works.
- Lucinda will do an article for the July Krier to inform residents about this committee’s work and recruit organizations’ involvement and ideas.
- Cairns – They are all around town,-- are these significant and should they be highlighted within any of the projects? This may need further discussion.
- Plaque – Killingworth has a plaque in town commemorating the 300th anniversary. This will need further discussion at next meeting, including pricing how much one will cost since the committee needs to provide a request for funds to the Board of Selectmen in January 2016 for the project.

Andrea offered to make a spreadsheet of action items and contacts, to be provided before the next meeting.

The Treasurer position was discussed. No committee members at the meeting offered to take on this role. Lou indicated that Les Riblet may be a good candidate for this position. Since Les is not currently on the committee, he would need to be approved and sworn in prior to taking on the role. Lou will talk with Les and provide an update at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2015 at the Town Hall.

Submitted by
Andrea Freibauer