

KILLINGWORTH 350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the 350th Anniversary Commemorative Committee was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairwoman Lucinda Hogarty in the Town Office Building. The following members were present: Lucinda Hogarty, Lew Scranton, Les Riblet, Charles Smith, Thomas Lentz, George Dupree, Carl Nord, Michelle Adametz, Fie Budzinsky, Mike Parahus and Linda Dudek. Andrea Freibauer arrived at 7:22 P.M. Absent: Franco Piscitelli. Visitors: Tom Keyes and Dave Beaudette.

Lucinda noted one correction in the September minutes: Alan Laming “will be” going to England in the spring of 2017. Lew made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Charlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Les reported that he had received the budget forms from the Board of Selectmen for the fiscal year 2017-2018. They must be submitted by January 6, 2017. He will prepare this for approval at our December meeting.

Tom requested permission to use the 350th logo for the cover of his timeline booklet. There was a brief discussion and the committee noted that the logo fee would be waived for this project.

Discussion on the commemorative booklet took place. Tom Keyes reported that he had met with Franco and all the color pages have been sold. Tom Lentz stated that he had written historical articles that will appear monthly in the Krier beginning in January. Eight of the articles will also be printed in the booklet. A discussion on notifying residents of the opportunity to be sponsors and patrons took place. A separate mailing to every household could be cost prohibitive. It was suggested that in addition to posting the information in the Krier, flyers could be placed in town hall, the library and business. Two waves of mailings will be sent in early November to businesses. It was suggested that the mailings include “like us on Facebook” information and also the patron and sponsor information that appeared in the September Krier. Tom Keyes spoke about the mailings and will relay the suggestions to Greg. Tom reported that Greg had met with Superintendent Thiery who is supportive of the events. The following parking lots have been reserved for September 2, 2017: Killingworth Elementary School, HK Middle School and Burr School.

Fie inquired why there was nothing about the 350th on the town website and what was planned to notify the community on the celebration. The town website does include our minutes and the calendar of meetings. The site is not for community events. The Krier and Killingworth Today as well as other media will be used for publicity. Andy suggested posting old photos of Cowboy Valley and pictures of Parmelee Farm on the Facebook page.

Carl reported that he had met with Ryan McKenzie and Dennis Reed regarding student involvement. They suggested ice cream awards be given to students prior to the end of the school year for students to

enjoy during the summer and certificates could be given at the picnic. Mr. McKenzie invited us to speak to the students at a January meeting. Carl volunteered to do this.

Andie stated that the Woman's Organization is enthusiastic about organizing the foyer area for the Cowboy Valley program. She will email Dan for some suggestions. Discussion on enlarging old photos took place and it was suggested Peg Scofield might assist us with this. Fie offered to ask the art teachers about easels.

Linda will ask the Historical Society to host reminiscing segments at the 2017 farm markets. She suggested this would be an opportunity for visitors to converse with the speakers and reach a wider audience. Discussion on the Killingworth Follies took place. Charlie will speak to the original orchestrators of the Follies: Sallie Riblet, David LeVasseur and Sandra Smith for suggestions on ways to present information from the original play. It was noted that the audio from the original is very poor quality.

Lucinda reviewed the calendar of events – see attachment. She read a letter from Cathy lino to the committee regarding the memorial garden at town hall – see attachment. Cathy also relayed to the committee that including native peoples of the town would be appropriate. Tom Lentz said the Historical Society could have a display and an article will include information about this.

Dave Beaudette suggested that presentations on notable Killingworth people and residences might be interesting. He offered Dr. Doolittle as a suggestion.

Fie left meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Discussion on the picnic and parade took place. Michelle questioned a “program” for the events at the picnic. Charlie reported that is a work in progress and once ownership of the various events happens, the program can be finalized. Andie suggested the programs be available for parade attendees to encourage them to participate in the picnic. The parade is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 A.M. and the picnic will be from 12 noon-9:00 P.M. Joanne Caserta has volunteered to set up a genealogy assistance booth at the picnic, which should be interesting.

George requested that we have a speaker about folk art, especially the Killingworth Images. Charlie will speak to Al Katz who is an expert in that field (art dealer, author and appraiser of folk art).

Discussion on the November and December meeting dates ensued. It was decided to cancel the regular scheduled meetings for November and December and hold a special meeting on December 6th. Linda will send the proper notifications.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Secretary

2 attachments

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2017 Events

Updated Oct. 25, 2016

Ongoing:

- Monthly articles in the Killingworth Krier, by Tom Lentz, Town Historian on behalf of the Killingworth Historical Society
- Facebook Page
- Website—Town site
- Thematic Bulletin Board displays in Library –Kathy Amoia and Helen Mahoney
- School programming at Elementary and Middle Schools

Month by Month:

- December 2016--The booklet "Timeline of the History of Killingworth, Connecticut" by Tom Lentz will be available early in December at The Historical Society Christmas Fair at the Parmelee house.

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- January—Historical postcards of George Dupree—Killingworth Library Display Case
- January 31- Marty Podskoch CCC and the history of Camp Roosevelt. CT CCC Camp book and book signing Firehouse (confirmed)—7 PM (snow date Feb. 21)
- February—Historical Killingworth Dolls. Wooden house images,—Library Display Case—Sandy Smith
- Feb. 15 Writing Your Life's Story, Dawn Hoffman,—“your life is worth saving—one story at a time.”
- February—Publication of Commemorative Booklet—Chamber of Commerce
- February 21, Snow date for Camp Roosevelt talk
- March Cowboy Valley Memorabilia- Library Display Case
- March 8-“The Not-So-Good Life Colonial Housewife,” Velya Jancz Urban-- Women's History Month (Firehouse to be confirmed)
- April 7 Cowboy Valley Program HK Middle School, 7 PM location confirmed—George Dupree, Dan Perkins and subcommittee. Lobby displays--KWO
- April 11, 18, 25 Book Discussion—World War I, A Farewell to Arms, Phil Devlin—Library
- May-- 300th and 325th Celebration Memorabilia Library Display Case
- May 7 Ecumenical Service, traditional dancing, Maypole—Congregational Church
- May—Proclamations for Naming Day, rededication of plaque, sister city proclamations
- May 23 Killingworth Historical Vignettes—Phil Devlin-(Firehouse ? to be confirmed)
- June, July, Aug., Sept. 2nd Saturdays during Farm Markets Armchair reminiscing program – KHS
- June ? Launch scavenger hunt
- July—Follies Program? Sally Riblet, Dave LaVasseur
- June 10 Farmers Market, Scavenger Hunt conclusion
- July/August-- July, Aug.,. 2nd Saturdays during Farm Markets Armchair reminiscing program – KHS
- Library Display Case-
- September 2 Parade and Town Picnic, Parmelee Farm—Lions Club, Greg Wind and Michelle Adametz
 - Performances by Mark White, guitar and songs, with Sally Riblet
 - Award certificates to winners of KES contests
 - Pequot program
- Sept.- 2nd Saturday during Farm Markets Armchair reminiscing program – KHS
- Killingworth Images Program?

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MEMO TO: 350th Anniversary Committee

FROM: Cathy Iino

RE: War Memorial

Sorry I can't be at the meeting this evening. Charlie Smith had asked me to brief the committee on the war memorial we are installing in front of Town Hall, so let me fill you in.

The centerpiece is the square stone pillar that used to stand in front of the VFW post on Route 81. It honors Killingworth residents who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, and Vietnam. When the building was sold, we removed the stone and placed it in storage behind Town Hall.

Lillian Griswold approached me about finding a way to honor her late husband, Raymond Griswold, Jr., a lifelong resident of Killingworth who served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II and who passed away last year. I spoke with her about the need to find a fitting location for the pillar and the idea of giving it a suitable place in front of Town Hall. She very generously offered to contribute the cost of a permanent war memorial.

We asked Tom Elmore, the distinguished historic landscape architect who created the Parmelee Farm Master Plan, to design a garden that would feature the stone pillar and include two other stones: One honors Jack Curry, a U.S. Marine who lost his life in the Viet Nam. That stone had been standing to the side of the Town Hall, in an inconspicuous location that few people noticed. The other will honor Jason Lantieri, a sergeant in the U.S. Army who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Although the town has recognized him in its Memorial Day service each year since his death, no permanent monument has been erected in town until now.

A bronze plaque will commemorate Ray Griswold, Jr., as well.

Jason's father, Jon Miller, donated his firm's services to construct the monument, which included moving the flagpole to a prominent position directly in front of Town Hall.

Electrician Dave Hudson donated his services to install lighting for the monuments and the flagpole. The Evergreen Garden Club will tend the plantings.

We should think about how the dedication ceremony that will take place next year should be scheduled it into the 350th celebrations.

In conjunction with this project, I spoke with the Evergreen Garden Club about making a couple of changes in the historic garden in front of the Town Clerk's office. That garden is currently hidden from the road by a row of boxwoods that has grown quite large. The garden club has agreed to let us transplant them to the south side of the garden, which will nicely define the space *and* open it up more to public view.

I would suggest that we move the tercentennial marker, which is currently sitting by itself off to the side of the town hall, and reposition it in the historic garden. The garden club is amenable to this idea as well. I understand that the committee is considering raising that marker and adding a 350th plaque to the base. That would fit in nicely with this plan.