

KILLINGWORTH 350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 28, 2017

The regular meeting of the 350th Anniversary Commemorative Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Lucinda Hogarty at 7:01 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

The following members were present: Lucinda Hogarty, Lewis Scranton, George Dupree, Andrea Freibauer, Franco Piscitelli, Michelle Adametz, Charles Smith and Linda Dudek. First Selectwoman Catherine Iino was in attendance. Absent: Thomas Lentz, Fie Budzinsky, Les Riblet, Carl Nord and Michael Parahus. Visitors: Kelvin Cole, Tom Keyes, Greg Wind and Dawn Mooney.

Town Clerk, Dawn Mooney requested the committee support the 2017 Top Dog Contest. Dogs properly licensed during June would be eligible for the random drawing. The winner would receive tag number 350 and Dawn is hopeful that the dog would be included in the parade. The Town Clerk's Office will make posters and take care of the publicity for the Top Dog Contest and winner. Charlie moved to support the proposal; seconded by Andrea. Motion carried unanimously.

A correction of Kelvin Coles name in the January minutes was noted. Lew moved to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Franco. Motion carried.

Les sent a treasurer's report to the meeting. There is \$16,600 in our budget. A discussion took place. It was noted that some funds have restrictions as to what the money may be used for. The Middlesex Foundation funding will be used for the Native American programs and a fife and drum corp for the parade. Lucinda noted that the Connecticut Blues Fife and Drum Corp from Durham fee would be \$1,200. Most other restrictions deal with publicity of the donors. Greg attended a seminar presented by the Middlesex Foundation regarding public relations. A photo shoot with a large replica of the check is appropriate. He has spoken to Michele Olds of Artistic Sign Language in Madison regarding these check signs.

Lucinda will write a thank you to the Killingworth Foundation for funds. Charlie will thank the Middlesex Foundation, Edward Jones, Essex Savings Bank and the Water Authority. He has already sent a thank you to Whelen Engineering.

A lengthy discussion on a banner took place. Mike submitted samples of banners to the committee. He is working with Michelle Olds on a double sided banner (\$478), a changing sandwich board sign (\$450) and lawn signs (\$184). Andrea suggested using the Facebook symbol. The State of Connecticut allows for the banner to be placed over state roads for 90 days,

The event calendar was discussed. Lucinda has updated the calendar on Facebook. It will need to be updated on the town website. It was suggested that a calendar be handed out at the senior dinner to be held this Saturday. Cathy will prepare that.

Franco reported on the booklet. A cover design is in progress. He noted that the Chamber has received \$12,000 in revenues to cover the cost of the booklet through advertising. Franco stated that Tom wrote nineteen articles and it is not certain at this time if all of them will be published in the booklet due to publishing costs.

George gave an update on the Cowboy Valley Program. Dan Perkins is planning a "dry run" of the program to avoid any glitches. Cathy noted that the HK shop class is willing to make the cowboy cutouts for photo ops. Linda suggested "dressing for the Old West" be encouraged for those attending the program. Franco suggested requesting personal photos taken of the cutouts be placed on the Facebook page via the hashtag. Andrea volunteered KWO members will help in lobby area of the HKMS for the event. At this time Franco left the meeting (7:57pm). Discussion on school fees took place.

Other programs were discussed. Lucinda explained the Native American programs will be given to students K-2nd grade and grades 3-4. This will include hands-on crafts. A program for adults is also planned.

Anna Hale and Michele Early are working on improving the audio and visual of the original Follies. If it is suitable for viewing a screening could be presented at the HKMS. Charlie will complete an application for use of the school in June or August (July is not available) for this and the Images presentation.

Linda has sent an article to the Krier for Killingworthies and oral/ written history requests.

Charlie noted that the speaker about Images and folk art is a retired NYU professor. The cost of the speaker will be covered by Al and Penny Katz.

George will be doing a baseball theme for the library display case in July. It is hopeful that Jeff Bagwell might make an appearance at the parade and/or picnic.

Michelle gave an update on the parade. She and Greg met with our new trooper. She and Greg will check with businesses along the suggested route of Stevens Road to Recycle Way. Five troopers will be necessary for traffic control during the parade which would be scheduled for 10 a.m. with staging set for 9 a.m. The estimated cost of the troopers would be \$5,000. A brief discussion on funding of the cost took place. Cathy noted there is \$3,000 allocated in the town budget that could be used. Michelle stated that parade floats would be escorted to the farm at the conclusion of the parade.

Michelle made a motion to secure the Connecticut Blues Fife and Drum Corp for the parade for an amount not to exceed \$1,200; seconded by Andrea. Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea made a motion to purchase the signs discussed at this meeting for an amount not to exceed \$1,200; seconded by Michelle. Motion carried unanimously.

Cathy reported that Chris Solimene and Artful Living will be presenting the Music Man for the summer show. Chris might ask some of the performers to be part of the parade. He might also recreate a scene from the Follies.

Greg has secured shuttle buses through the school. The cost for two buses is \$300. and they will run from noon to 9 p.m., every 30 minutes to KES and HKMS. Burr School will be used if necessary. He will

contact St. Lawrence Church to see if that parking lot could be used also. The front parking area of the farm will be for vendors and handicapped parking only. Greg suggested a parking fee of \$5.00 per car at HKMS. The Lion's Club will supervise parking areas.

Greg and Charlie will be on ICRV radio next week promoting the 350th celebration. Greg is hopeful that the station will be available to broadcast from the picnic, too.

A Place Called Hope will participate in the picnic. Cathy will contact Bishop's, who own the cranberry bog on Pond Meadow Road to participate.

The HK band director will be look into high school bands for entertainment.

Greg will work on a budget for the picnic and parade.

Newport, NH will send a proclamation to be included in the booklet. Several Newport residents may visit Killingworth and attend the picnic.

Charlie spoke about the worship service scheduled for May 7th at the Congregational Church.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Secretary