

KILLINGWORTH 350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

Special Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2017

The Special Meeting of the 350th Anniversary Commemorative Committee was called to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Town Office Building by Vice-Chair Charlie Smith. The following members were present: Lew Scranton, George Dupree, Les Riblet, Charlie Smith, Mike Parahus, Tom Lentz, Greg Wind, Linda Dudek and Michelle Adametz (7:12p.m.) The following members were absent: Lucinda Hogarty, Franco Piscitelli, Andrea Freibauer, Carl Nord and Fie Budzinsky. Cathy Iino joined the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as presented.

Les gave a brief report on the budget. Expenditures to date total \$1,805.73; income \$21,150. Greg presented receipts for printing costs for reimbursement and Mike also had receipts for the over the road banner and lawn signs.

There was a brief discussion on the booklet. The Chamber will discuss extra funds collected for the booklet at their June meeting and let the 350th committee know what to expect to be transferred to the 350th budget. Charlie noted there are several boxes of booklets available.

Greg reported that he, Carl and Lew judged the Killingworth Elementary School 350th projects. Charlie purchased four \$25 gift cards for the (two) first place winners (each had a team of 2). Greg will make certificates and will deliver the gift cards and certificates to the school. Linda noted that she had requested the entries be given to the Historical Society. She will be picking up five of the eight projects and they can be displayed at the picnic.

The "new" Follies tape is good quality and very suitable for showing. Charlie noted that it is about 2 ½ hours long. The length could be reduced by moving commercials from the middle of the taping to the end. The Follies was the main event for the 325th Anniversary. The tape will be shown in August.

Linda gave a brief report on the Historical Society projects. The Scavenger Hunt is underway, thanks to the hard work of Sandy Smith. The Armchair Reminiscing program will be held on June 8th at the Congregational Church and the farmhouse will be open during the farm Market Days. Tom Lentz is preparing displays in the farmhouse. Linda will work on a listing of Killingworthies.

Charlie said the date for the Al Katz lecture on the Killingworth Images and folk art will be in August.

There was no report from the Killingworth Women's Organization.

Mike Parahus has spoken to Jan Bagwell and will follow-up with a phone call to her regarding memorabilia and also Jeff's availability to participate in the parade and picnic. The July library display

case will feature Jeff and George is assisting with the display. Charlie reminded George about the Krier deadlines. Gregg informed the committee of the grand-daughter (Linda Ruth Tosetti) of Babe Ruth who resides in Durham. Ms. Tosetti gives presentations on Babe Ruth and signs photos. Greg will see if she is available for the picnic and what her fee is.

Charlie gave an update on grants and donations. EverSource has pledged \$1000 for a sign that could be used by civic groups in Killingworth. A plaque on the sign will give credit to EverSource for the donation. All other donations from our donors have been received. Greg stated that the 2'x4' replica checks for the eight donors (over \$1000) would be \$42.50 per check. These would be used for photographed presentations to the donors and also used for PR. Greg made a motion to approve the expenditure for the checks; seconded by Mike. Motion carried unanimously. Greg will get the invoice for the expenditure prior to the end of June for payment.

Greg gave an update on the parade. He noted that staging areas for different participants will allow for an orderly parade: Budget Dry parking area will be for antique cars with dignitaries, Cassella's Stone will have several portable toilets and groups can assemble there; the Kid's Center will be a drop-off point and the area from Steven's Road to Roast Meat Hill Road will allow for lining up vehicles. Greg also noted that Recycle Way could be a drop-off point and then bus participants to Steven's Road. He has spoken to the bus garage and expects they will offer one large bus at 9:00 a.m. and then 2 smaller busses for later. Charlie has prepared an application for pre1967 vehicles to participate. The CT Blues from Durham, a fife and drum corps will participate. We still need an Honor Guard to begin the parade and carry the American Flag. Les, Charlie and Carl will assemble a budget for the parade.

Amy Etra has offered to do photography at the picnic. She will be asked to also photograph the parade.

Charlie noted that there is no rain date for the parade. He and trooper Wisner will make a decision on cancellation of the parade. In the event of inclement weather the picnic will be held as tents and the pavilion will provide shelter. Trooper Wisner is required to present an Operational Plan to his superiors showing detailed diagrams of staging areas, road closures, etc.

Greg gave an update on picnic plans. 350th T-shirts, caps, visors and tote bags are available for purchase. The June Krier will have an ad for the T-shirts. Greg spoke briefly about entertainment for the picnic. He is working with HK Youth & family for local bands and for assistance to over-see some of the activities. Tim Gannon is working out details to use the portable stage from Clinton. Greg will also work with Tim on a "car cruise" area for the picnic.

Mike noted the over the road banner is scheduled to go up on June 1. The large V-shaped sign is prepared. Linda stated that the Parmelee Farm Committee would prefer the large sign not be placed at the farm until August. She suggested it be located first near Recycle Way, then at Middle School prior to being placed at the farm on the north side of the original driveway. Cathy suggested it be placed south of the traffic circle for residents who do not often travel north of the circle. There was a brief discussion. Budget Dry might be a possible location for July.

There was discussion on PR for donors. Ads in the Krier could be purchased over the next two or three months to list the donors and done in conjunction with the check photos for the larger contributors. Charlie made a motion to buy ½ page ads in the Krier for July, August and September and allocate \$160 for each month to cover the cost of the ads. (The check photos would be an article in the Krier); seconded by Mike. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike reminded the committee that he needs any PR prior to June 10 for the July Krier.

Cathy stated no date has been chosen yet for dedication of the War Memorial and 350th Stone.

Charlie declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Secretary