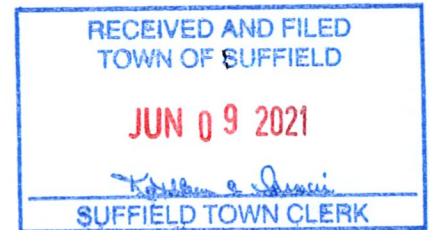


Town of Suffield
350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

Present: Tara Beaulieu, Beth Chafetz, Cari Cieri, Kacy Colston, Pete Hill (left at 7:30),
Norm Noble, Eric Remington, Lester Smith
Guest: Melissa Finnegan
Public: Sharon Bruno

Bold – Actions taken **Red** – Things to do
Meeting called to order by Kacy at 7:02 PM



1. Review proposed agenda –
 - a. **A motion was made by Beth to accept the agenda.**
 - i. **All approved**
2. Review and approve minutes from 4/26 and 5/4 meetings
 - a. **Motion to approve 4/26 minutes by Eric.**
 - i. **All approved**
 - b. **Motion to approve 5/4 minutes by Norm.**
 - i. **All approved**
3. *Public comment*
4. Big Parade Update – Melissa and Pete
 - a. 40 participants have filled out participation forms to date.
 - b. Working on questionnaire to determine how to do line up of parade.
 - c. Working on getting UCONN band and Shriners band
 - d. Working to get information about dignitaries.
 - e. Sent out letter to local fire departments to invite for the parade.
 - f. Parade workshop was held to help people with ideas for floats for the parade.
 - g. Permits and routes are being determined. Doing a practice with Memorial Day parade.
 - h. Waiting to see how many groups want to participate before the parade planning is completed.
 - i. Plans to include the veterans in town.
 - j. Suggestions
 - i. A suggestion was made to have the kids playing games that weekend as part of the parade.
 - ii. A suggestion was made to ask Ted Beneski to be part of the parade.
 - iii. Are plans for the parade that were handed out at the parade workshop available to the public? Melissa thinks it has been posted on the Town website. Is there a chance to do the workshop again? **Melissa will check to see if this is possible.**
 - iv. Will there be a reviewing stand for dignitaries (maybe by Town Hall)? **Melissa and Pete will take a look at the possibility for this.**
 - v. The drop-dead date for applications for the parade June 10.
 - k. **Contact Melissa or Pete with questions and/or ideas.**

5. Status of Events, Programs and Projects for 2021

- a. Big Weekend Events – October 8-10, 2021
 - i. Fireworks – Working on a permit to be at Bruce Park
 - ii. **Cari will get the times and date for the soccer games/ field hockey on the Big Weekend.** Suffield Academy's Parents Weekend is the Big Weekend, so we're not expecting that there will be Academy participation.
 - iii. Carnival – Some reluctance from the Town to having a carnival. Volunteer bandwidth with everything else going on might be problematic.
 - 1. Maybe have something after the parade to keep people around doing something social.
 - 2. While carnival company will take care of all rides, etc, it will still impact police, ambulance, town services.
 - 3. Suggestion to have food trucks after the parade to give people a chance to socialize instead of the carnival. Perhaps invite SFD to show fire engines,
 - iv. **Committee will take the carnival off the list, and Kacy will contact carnival people to cancel.**
 - v. **350th Committee presence in the parade- use the birthday cow pulled by a tractor with the 351st banner.**
- b. Suffield Stories from the Next Fifty Years
 - i. Information was received on 5/25 from Derek about some legal issues/questions.
 - ii. **Tara made a motion to accept the new submission written by Beth and Krystal Holmes. Seconded by Cari**
 - 1. **All approved**
- c. Barn Quilt trail is up.
 - i. Many thanks to the Highway Department for hanging the last 13 squares.
 - ii. Barn quilt map is going in the *Observer* as an insert.
- d. Cookbook is going to the printer this week
- e. Trail Guide
 - i. Updated map of Sunrise Park.
 - ii. Trail guide is still in the works.
- f. Possible ideas for students
 - i. SHS – possible video crew to put together 2020 car parade video
 - ii. Working to get SHS to work on time capsules.
 - iii. Suffield song – teaching the lower grades to sing it at the commemoration.
 - iv. Schools/Parks and Rec – create a quilt from t-shirts. Maybe a raffle item?
 - v. Display of art by kids of history of Suffield in the various schools.
 - vi. **Any other ideas? Contact Kacy.**

6. Community Outreach

- a. Memorial Day Observance – Monday, May 31
 - i. Parade starts on Russell Street and continues to Veterans Memorial.
 - ii. 350th Anniversary Committee in the parade – Beth and Kacy and Norm will carry the banner. Meet at Ffyer Place
- b. Farmers Markets – every Saturday beginning June 19, 9 a.m. to noon
 - i. 350th will have a booth

- c. Concert on the Green – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - i. 350th can sell raffle tickets here.
- d. Movie night on the Green – Saturdays starting in June at 8:30 p.m.
 - i. 350th can sell raffle tickets here.
- e. Suffield on the Green – Saturday/Sunday, September 11-12
 - i. Pillory and stocks for pictures – 350th booth idea
 - ii. **Kacy will look into someone who can build the pillory and stocks**
- 7. Fundraising
 - a. May Market – 350th booth sold \$3,265 worth of merchandise.
 - b. Monster Tag Sale at Hilltop Farm – Saturday, June 12 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - c. Raffle of snow blower, lawn mower and generator
 - i. Drawing Monday, October 11 maximum of 2500 tickets sold at \$20 each
 - ii. **Norm will contact D&F to make sure they know which models will be raffled off.**
 - d. Commemoration Program
 - i. Kacy is working on organizing the program.
- 8. 350th anniversary gift to the Town
 - a. Requested feedback from BOS about ideas we discussed as a gift, but we have received none as yet.
 - i. Possible gift ideas: BBS playground addition, Agriscience program/ Conservancy educational project (observation tower or shelter), LED signage at one of the schools.
 - ii. **General consensus of the group is to donate toward Agriscience/ Conservancy project**
- 9. Communications and Publicity
 - a. Deadline for July/August issue of *Observer* is Thursday, June 15.
- 10. Administration
 - a. Committee currently at 8 members
 - i. **Eric made a motion to recommend that Sharon Bruno be added to the committee and Cari seconded .**
 - 1. All approved**
 - b. Next regular meeting will be **Tuesday**, June 22.
 - i. Zoom meeting or in-person? **Committee agrees to continue with Zoom.**
- 11. Public comment
- 12. Adjourn – Vote
 - a. **Norm moved to adjourn**
 - i. **All approved,**

Respectfully Submitted
 Beth Chafetz,
 350th Anniversary Committee Secretary