

## Nelson 250 Committee

Minutes of January 15, 2017

Present: Susan Hansel, Linda Singer, Beth Draper, Karen Tolman, Don and Barbara Bennett, Bert Wingerson, John Bunce, Maury Collins, Sam Romano

The meeting opened at 3:04 and began with introductions to Beth Draper, the graphic designer who created the flyer.

There was considerable discussion of the flyer. This flyer is mainly to provide information for Caucus. Publicity about Nelson 250 through other publications was discussed including possible inclusion as an article in the ELF supplement to the Keene Sentinel. Some editing of the flyer was discussed as well. These additions could make for a longer and more costly flyer. A suggestion was made to refer readers to the website for more information in order to keep the flyer manageable. Funding for the printing will be included in the Town Warrant request. Bert made a motion to have 100 copies printed as there may be changes to the flyer after Caucus. Prior to Caucus flyers will be available at the library and on town bulletin boards. The motion was seconded and Beth will get a cost estimate.

Linda has offered to play some Chopin pieces during her garden tour. She also spoke about the availability of some reduced price tickets to the Apple Hill concert. There was no decision on how that information would be available.

There was some discussion regarding the Quigley exhibit and the catalog. Proceeds from the sale of the catalogs will go toward establishing a scholarship. Terry Upton's address and phone number will be included on the catalog.

It was established that Adam Boyce will not be replicating Ralph Page but will be dances of that era (1940s). There was some discussion regarding the terms square dance vs contra dance. Though Ralph Page called them square dances, the general consensus was to stick with the term contra dance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved at this point.

Susan reported that the Selectmen have approved the Re-Enactors using the town common. They will arrive early in the morning of July 8<sup>th</sup> and leave Saturday night. There will be no overnight. Maury will speak with Chief Pratt re the group firing a musket, and he will also speak with the Fire Dept regarding a campfire permit.

It was reported that Lisa Sieverts suggested obtaining an official proclamation from the governor for the 250<sup>th</sup>. Susan had a conversation with Kathy Blandschun who suggested Jack Bradshaw be asked to make that request due to his political history. The proposed proclamation will be read on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, accompanied by ringing the bells of both the church and the school house.

Alan Rumrill will be the speaker at the first library Forum this year. To date there is no speaker for Old Home Day.

The new History website is a work in progress. There are 60 articles posted, some with images. There is also a YouTube link to Karen's Forum presentation on Tolman Pond and the Tolman family. There was discussion on further updates and the possible need for a stronger front page and the inclusion of a calendar to keep abreast of events. Also articles should include what Grapevine issue they came from. Linda Singer offered to add something from Ann Robinson's Garden Notes Grapevine articles.

Susan had on display a selection of "can" style pottery mugs, the latest offering from her son. These were admired by all and considered an addition to the pottery pieces the group has already selected for additional production. These mugs cost \$10 each to make. That led to a discussion of how much to charge for these new pieces. \$15 each and 2 for \$25 was discussed but no decision was made. The group felt that a good number for Susan's son (and daughter-in-law) to make might be: 20 plates, 15 bowls and smaller cups, and 20 trivets. For the "can" mugs: 15 blue, 5 white and 5 brown.

Lisa Sieverts will speak about our Warrant Article at Town Meeting.

The next meeting will be Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm.

The History Group will meet on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

