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MENDON'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY

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Meeting Date: 3/19/2016

Meeting Location: Lowell's Restaurant, 75 Cape Rd. Mendon

Minutes Approved: 4/12/2016

Committee Members Present: Dan Byer, Theresa Clifton Sharon Cutler, Sorcha DeFrancesco Jonathan Dudley, Dick Ferrucci, Jeanne Fichtner, Kathleen Sedgeley Nicholson, Alan Tetreault Kevin Rudden, Wayne Wagner

Absent: AJ Byrne, Morgan Smith

Others:

Kevin called the meeting to order at 8:15am

Alan made a motion to accept the minutes of 3/1/19, Sharon seconded and all approved.

Jon discussed the insurance issues. He has spoken with Rich who talked with the insurance company. They said that all events are covered as they are a clear benefit to the town no matter who sponsors them. Dan stated that he had been told that certain events would require extra coverage. The Fin-Com and BOS recently discussed 350th insurance but decided not to budget any extra money because they do not yet have a complete list of events. The committee discussed the possibility of disbanding and re-forming the 350th committee under the Brothers. This would help to alleviate some of the issues surrounding fundraising and other town restrictions. It was asked how other towns have organized their celebrations. *Jon will attempt to contact Medway for some info on their recent 300th.* Several people expressed concern that we were overcomplicating the issues. Kathleen asked about what specific issues we have encountered. Jon said the big one is insurance and rules around fundraising, along with the new email system. Dick stated that the idea would be to keep everything the same under the Brothers and keep the same people. Dan mentioned the issue of insurance and alcohol events. Alan says the only event proposed on town property with alcohol is the block party. After further discussion Dick, Kathleen, and Sharon all suggested we leave the current set up alone with all donations going to the Brothers. The committee agrees that any person raising Funds would be doing so on behalf of the Brothers.

Dan read through the event list and the committee reviewed the plans to date.

Alan discussed the Ham and Bean supper. After some review it was decided that the Highway Barn was not a suitable location. It is too small and will be too difficult to clean. He reached out to Clough School and they are very interested in working with us and may be willing to waive the fees for the use of the space. *Dan will work on putting together a facility use application.* Alan stated the event will be from 5-8pm and we would try and get the school jazz bands/chorus to perform.

Jon and Alan discussed the Motorcycle Ride. After some discussion they have decided to cancel the event. There are too many complications and difficulties with planning it.

Dan asked about the timing of the Turkey Trot. There is an existing event on Thanksgiving morning in Whitinsville that may take away from our participants. Terry said she knew several people who would like to participate in the Mendon event but would be unable to because of the conflict. Jon stated he will discuss with Lindsey as they are still planning. They are still working on a route but are considering the possibility of working with the Drive-In.

The committee discussed the St. Patty's day event. The St. Patty's committee has looked at a few venues including the End Zone and NE Steak and Sea Food. They are concerned about the potential costs of the facilities and food. Wayne asked about the Zoo. He stated they are building a tent facility that should be completed by then. Dick is concerned about the date due to the difficulty in booking entertainment and a location. Dan suggested they reach out to the Greenhouse as they do catering and are familiar with Irish food. The St. Patty's committee is currently in favor of the End Zone but will continue to look at options.

Dan asked about the possible Miss Mendon/Mendon's Got Talent event. Dick stated that he will be meeting with Imperial soon to discuss and they are interested.

Dick gave the committee and update on the fireworks. Imperial has expressed interest in shooting them off from Veteran's Park to be viewed from Imperial the Sunday night of the parade. They may also hold some other events that night.

The committee discussed the parade. Wayne may be able to arrange a fly-over and can look into the military bands in the area. Dan is working on contacting the 8 child towns for their bands. They discussed the proposed location of Miscoe to Clough. *Dan will contact the schools*

Dan asked about the 350th buttons. The committee needs to determine what events they will provide a discounted admission through the sale of the buttons. Dan suggests the block party and Ham and Bean Supper. *The committee will review for future meetings.*

Kevin has been meeting with the Town Crier and they are willing to offer a reduced insert rate for our event calendar.

Kathleen provided an update on the meeting with the Drive-In. They are willing to allow us to screen the 300th movie for free one night. They are also interested in hosting a few events depending on our plans. They were very interested in the Turkey Trot and possible a carnival the day of the parade. They have the experience to host a large concert but estimate the cost to be 50K-100K. They are also willing to work with us to show the calendar of events on the screen. The committee discussed the 300th film. Dan is still working on some prices to digitize it. He suggests approaching the Historic Commission for CPA funding. The committee discussed possible dates for a "Mendon" night at the Drive In.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.