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TOWN OF MENDON

350th Anniversary Committee

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Meeting Date: 3/26/15

Meeting Location: Mendon Town Hall

Minutes Approved: 4/30/15

Members Present: Dan Byer, Sharon Cutler, Sorcha DeFrancesco, Jonathan Dudley, Kathleen Sedgeley Nicholson, Kevin Rudden,

Absent: AJ Byrne, Dick Ferrucci, Morgan Smith, Wayne Wagner

Others: Tom Fichtner (Treasurer-Brothers of the Brush), Alan Tetreault

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

Kevin discussed the organization of the committee. The Brothers of the Brush would like to be formally involved in the 350th committee. Jon Dudley stated that he would like to serve as co-chair with Kevin.

Sharon made a motion to elect Johnathan Dudley and Kevin Rudden as co-chairmen on the 350th committee, Sorcha seconded and all approved.

Alan Tetreault also stated that he would seek appointment to the 350th committee. The board discussed the need for additional roles including a treasurer. Dan stated that since he was familiar with the working of the town's accounting software and deposit systems, he would be willing to serve in this role.

Kevin made a motion to appoint Dan Byer as the Treasurer and Secretary of the 350th committee, Sorcha seconded and all approved.

The committee discussed finances and fundraising. Alan stated that he met with Linda and reviewed the laws on funds. Any moneys left over after the celebration would be turned over to the general fund. John and Tom stated that the Brothers had some concerns that they did not want to see their funds turned over to the town.

Sharon made a motion that the 350th committee understands and agrees that any funds from the Brothers of the Brush would be spent directly on specific activities rather than simply deposited in the 350th's account(s), Sorcha seconded and all approved.

Kevin provided an update on the possibility of setting up a storefront to sell 350 merchandise. He has talked to David Lowell about the possibility of using his empty storefront in the center of town. He will decide and get back to the committee.

Kevin will also meet with Dr. Maruszczak to discuss how to best involve the school in a logo contest.

Kevin is still waiting on a response from Kim on the issue of fundraising.

Kevin will make copies of the 325th video from Rich and distribute them to the members.

The committee discussed the "female counterpart" to the Brothers of the Brush. Sorcha stated that she was in favor of "Sisters of the Broom" Sharon suggested that they hold a broom burning ceremony as a counterpart to the razor burying ceremony. John stated that they next Brothers Meeting would be on the 28th and members should consider joining. He also stated that the previous female group was known as the daughters of the pioneers.

Sharon discussed two projects she would like to see done in time for the 350th. One was the planting on a row of Sugar Maple trees along Rt-16. She talked to a local greenhouse and the price would be around \$7,500. Dan suggested that this was a perfect Community Preservation Project.

The second project was a "Welcome to Mendon" sign on Rt-16 on the Milford side. Kevin stated that he has an Eagle Scout candidate who is very interested in this project depending on funding. The estimate is around \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Dan will contact Anne Mazar and to determine CPA eligibility for these projects.

The committee discussed upcoming meeting dates. Dan reviewed the issues coming up with meeting space at town hall. The board agreed to meet again on April 30th.

Dan will get a large calendar that they can start filling in events on.

Jon presented a list of events that the Brothers of the Brush are interested in (**Exhibit A**). He said that they would like to hold another ham and bean supper in the Highway Barn. The committee also discussed the timing of events. It was suggested to hold a St. Patrick's Day celebration. The committee discussed the parade and logistics. John offered to serve as the 350th committee's liaison to Public Safety.

Dan will bring a calendar to the next meeting to begin filling in dates.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, Kevin seconded and all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

3/26/15 Brothers Proposed Activities

***Proposed Events for consideration Mendon 350th
2017***

Should plan a series of events mid 2016 leading up to 2017.

2017

MarchTown Wide St. Patrick's Celebration

April.....Dinner Dance/Easter Egg Hunt/ Scouts Pancake Breakfast

May.....Birthday Celebration/Cake/Band Concert

June.....Youth Events/Circus

July.....Fire Truck Parade/Muster/Youth Events

August.....Block Dance

September....Dinner Dance/Parade/Fireworks