

Meeting Minutes of Special Ad Hoc Chaplin Bicentennial Committee
July 19, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Warren Church at 4:00
2. Present were: L. Ricklin, W. Church, W. Rose, D. Weingart, A. Lewis, R. Grindle, ex officio member: J. Roman
3. Discussion and Planning for September 10
 - a. Members looked at the tentative schedule presented: Bill Rose reported that there were about 15 entries in the parade. He will reach out to more people. Timing of when to start the parade was discussed—10:30 at Ridge and Palmer Rds. The request for funds to help with float decorations by the Friends of the Library came up a decision will be made at the next meeting when we have more information about what other floats may need.
 - b. The Babcock Band's time was moved back to start at 1:15 and the Ukulele Band will start at 12:45.
 - c. Under the item on the schedule regarding Greetings/Recognitions, Juan said that he'd talked with Greg Dubitsky, our Legislative Representative, about inviting the Lt. Gov. to the Park and delivering the Proclamation. Doug agreed. He will also review the Proclamation and Dick agreed to send it to him.
Further, Juan asked to remove the recognition of Parish Hill Artists from the schedule. Instead, he talked with the Library Director about having a special event at the library to recognize them for their award and talent.
 - d. The letter to recognize the living former 1st Selectmen should be sent out now to assure that they will plan to attend.
 - e. Bob volunteered to draft invitations to the leaders of Mansfield, Hampton, and Windham and present them for review at the next meeting.
 - f. Leslie said that she would consult with Helen Weingart about the dedication announcement for the Bicentennial Arboretum.
 - g. At 3:00 Warren will make an announcement to the crowd that they should gather in their places on the Chaplin map on the lawn for the drone photograph. Discussion followed about how people will learn about the drone photograph and where to go. There will be stakes with the names of the 7 districts on them held up in the 7 parts of the map so people can go stand in the area where they live. Warren also said that we will be sending out a postcard to all residents to inform them of the day's events and the photograph. Hopefully, we can make a link to the map. Bob volunteered to contact Brian Synnott, the photographer, if he has any questions.
4. Discussion about the Program: Warren passed around the cover design done by Johanne Philbrick. Everyone was impressed. There is a question about whether any pdfs sent in in color should remain in color. Ann Lewis felt this should be discussed with Gulemo Printers. Warren and Leslie will meet Lena to talk about this and other parts of the Program.
 - a. Leslie presented some "fun fact's" gleaned from previous town programs and Gordon Naser's town history to be included in the Program. We'll present these to Lena to use as space allows.

5. Other topics discussed:
 - a. Rusty Lanzit asked if the Democratic Town Committee could have a booth on Sept. 10. This raised the issue of other vendors being allowed. The Committee will discuss this further at the next meeting after talking with Dave Stone.
 - b. Dick presented a list of expenses which Dave Stone created of all the expenses for Sept. 10. These amount to \$30, 140.00. Members would like to add some others based on today's discussion:
 - Printing of the postcard
 - Funding for floats
 - Funding for Marching Bands
 - Contribution to the Drone Club at PHHS
 - Printing of the Program
 - Buying music for the Babcock Band
 - c. Bob and others discussed where the remaining 17 lawn signs could be placed.
6. Topics for next Agenda: Vendors, Program, Publicity, Funding for groups
7. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26 at 4:00**
7. Meeting adjourned at 5:38

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Recorder