

Minutes of Feb 15, 2017

300<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Jean Methot opened the meeting at 7:06 PM with 4 members in attendance Ed Stuart, Jean Methot, Jack Cannon, Chris Hadik and town Treasurer, Rhonda Lamphere.

Action was taken to amend and approve the minutes from the November 16th meeting. Chris Hadik made the motion to approve and Jack Cannon seconded his motion; all approved.

Rhonda Lamphere discussed the benefits of a non-profit organization, Ad-Hoc committee or town committee. She spoke about the pros and cons of an Ad Hoc committee. The pros of an Ad Hoc committee can work independently from the town to get things done. The cons of an Ad Hoc committee will need own liability insurance, lack of oversight and transparency, no tax exemption. A non-profit organization would be the same as Ad Hoc with more liability issues and extensive paper work that will need to be filed with the State of NH. It would not have access to the town funds already collected. A town committee would have the benefit of liability insurance and would work within the town's parameters. Expenditures would be paid from our funds, revenues would have to be deposited into the general fund, all accounting of funds would be done through the town's software, and be audited by the finance department. A short discussion by board members as to which way the 300<sup>th</sup> committee wanted to proceed. A motion by Jack Cannon to go as a town committee was made and seconded by Chris Hadik. All approved the motion.

CALENDAR – Chris Hadik is working a calendar of things that we have to get done by a certain date and to display an event/meeting calendar for the 18 months of Chester's 300th celebration.

CONTACT LIST- The list was reviewed and the addition of other organization needs to be added. Jean Methot will add more names.

LOGO- A short discussion about the logo for the event. We began to set what it would be and what to have on it. It has to have; 300<sup>th</sup>, date; 1722-2022, Chester N.H.; it has to be circular. A cash prize of \$300 to the winner of the logo that will be picked.

NEXT MEETING – March 15, 2017 - 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Methot