

CHESTER 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21st, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES

Committee Chair Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance: Jack Cannon, Rhonda Lamphere, Chris Hadik, Ed Stuart, Tim Bortz, Jean Methot.

There being no action taken on the previous meeting's minutes of 1/17/18, Chris Hadik made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ed Stuart seconded the motion; all voted to accept.

LOGO: Sue Rieter, of Chester, a digital designer, attended the meeting to go over the logo designs chosen as winners for our contest. She presented copies of the designs on paper with some slight adjustments and shrunken to half dollar size for the Committee to see. The steeple design is acceptable as is, except to add the clock face on the steeple. Sue will check previous designs she has made of the tower and adapt something to this design. The steeple design will be on the front of the coin. It was also decided to go with the blue and "gold" colors for this side. This design will also be good to use on letterhead, envelopes, lapel pins, etc., as well as banners and shirts.

The design on the back side of the coin will consist of the state outline (which will be enlarged), the flag, scarecrow, cannon and covered bridge. The Committee decided to have the heart removed from this design, enlarging the NH outline, allowing more room for the other items around the State, with the wording across the top, also enlarged and brought more in line with the curve of the coin.

The Committee also decided to remove "300 Wonderful Years of History" on the "back side" and just leave the date 1722-2022. Enlarge the word "Chester". The winner of the design for the back side of the coin will receive \$100.00, as well as a coin, shirt, etc. Jack Cannon drafted letters of congratulations to the winners which will be presented at the Town Meeting in May. First place designer of the front of the coin receives \$300.00 as well as a coin, shirt, etc.

Tim Bortz told us about a company he is familiar with for making mold cast coins - Northwest Territorial Mint, which is a well-known company for making commemorative coins. It's undecided at this time what "material" we'll choose for the coin (bronze/pewter/ ??) .

Sue will return to our March 21st meeting with her modified designs for the back and front of the coin. We will expect a bill at that time also for her time spent on the designs.

VICE CHAIR: Jack Cannon volunteered to fill the position of Vice Chair for the 300th Committee. Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to accept Jack for this position; Ed Stuart seconded her motion; all voted to accept after no further discussion.

TOWN REPORT: Rhonda Lamphere will add Jack's name as Vice Chair to the 300th Committee report in the Town Report. The BOS already approved a warrant article asking for another \$5,000.00 to be set aside for the 300th Committee expenses. Any money left over after all expenses have been paid after the 300th will be turned back to the Town's general fund.

NEW BUSINESS: We need to come up with a survey to give out at the Town Meeting in May to get ideas from townspeople and to get volunteers. Jean will write up something and send out to Committee members in the next day or so to go over and make corrections/additions. Some of the ideas/suggestions are: geo-caching for kids/adults; banquet; beard contest; costume ball; children's activities; fireworks; house/garden tours; historical play/pageant; antique car show; military re-enactment/encampment; decorating committee; other fundraising; intramural teams; and other suggestions.

OTHER BUSINESS: We still need to set up meetings with local groups to talk about the 300th and see if they have any ideas yet what their group would like to do for the Celebration, i.e., PTA group; Lions Club; Scout groups, Rec Dept., Spring Hill Advisory group, and others. We hope to encourage these groups to start thinking ahead about this even though it is still 3 years out.

Tim has the Post Office info needed for doing the special cancellations - the Post Office needs final info from us a year in advance.

Discussion was held as to whether we need to do fundraising events to help pay for police and fire/rescue for certain events for the 300th. Money is not generally in the Town budget for events such as this.

Ed Stuart knows someone who would be willing to do a banner(s) for us when the time comes. This would be of the vinyl type. Jean mentioned he'd like to see a hanging flag-type of banner with the 300th logo on it also.

NEXT MEETING - Wed. - Mar. 21, 2018 - 7PM.

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM; Chris Hadik seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pepper, Secretary