

# 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## Minutes 24 APR, 2019

Chairman Jean Methot called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Executive Committee members present: Jean Methot, Chris Hadik, Jack Cannon, Ed Stuart, Rhonda Lamphere, Nancy Jolin and Sue Rieter. Guest: Jay Bishop, Event Planner.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 20, 2019, as written; Chris Hadik seconded; all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing at this time.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Discussion was held with Jay Bishop, an event planner from Plaistow, NH. Jay gave us an overview of what he does to help towns plan their events/parade/fundraising. He reviewed some of what he discussed with us at the March meeting regarding the fundraising, etc. Jack Cannon expressed concern about being able to get enough high-level sponsors (businesses) to raise a significant amount of money to fund our projects. Others also had the same concern. We could go outside of Chester possibly, but most would like to keep this a "Chester celebration". Jay's fee would run roughly \$100 per hour for time spent lining up sponsors, performers for the parade, etc. if we chose to use his services. Jay mentioned that NH Council for the Arts is a good resource for applying for grants for events. He also told us we would be probably be able to buy the flagpoles used by Brookline for their parade route if we contacted them within the next month. Another idea of Jay's is to "trade" services with a company (i.e., renting port-a-potties, etc.) and giving them a sponsorship on a banner in return for payment of such. It was suggested that we try to meet with all the sub-committees also to let them know what is happening with plans currently. Jay also suggested getting a post office box "P.O. Box 300" for our mail.

### OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Coins - Sue Rieter talked about possibly having the coins numbered. However, after seeing how the coin company would number them (on the front in a rectangle), it was decided we didn't like looks of the coin with the block. Jack has been in touch with the coin company also, getting pricing for the 1-1/2 inch coin - for 500 coins the cost, without numbering, would be \$2.89 each. Much discussion took place regarding quantity to order - and it was finally decided to go with 500 of the 1-1/2 inch coins and 300 of some 3 inch medallion coins. For now we'll just order the 1-1/2 inch coins so we can start selling them as soon as possible. Jack will again contact the company and get further pricing for different finishes for the 3 inch size, possibly polished antique brass and polished silver, and pricing for numbering them on the edge of the coin. This would make them a little different from the smaller coin, and possibly more collectible. Jack Cannon made a motion to go forward with ordering 500 1-1/2 inch antique brass 2-sided coins; Sue Rieter seconded his motion; all voted in favor. Jack will forward pricing info he gets to Committee members.

TOWN WEBSITE: Nancy Jolin reported that it would cost \$200.00 for 3 years to have our own website (Chesternh300.org). It would cost an additional \$360.00 to have office 365 e-mail addresses on it. Or we could create a gmail account; she mentioned that ".com" is cheaper also. Jack Cannon made a motion to allow Nancy Jolin to commit to a domain for a cost of \$200.00 for the 300th event; Chris Hadik seconded; all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean took survey forms to Chester Academy and mentioned that they want an e-mail address to forward results to. After much discussion about e-mail addresses, Chris Hadik said he will give Jean Methot an e-mail address to use for this purpose by Fri., Apr. 26th.

COMMITTEES:

Jean said he would like to meet with the various groups who want to participate in the 300th year-long celebration so we can fill them in on what is planned so far and hear their thoughts. Rhonda made out a new organizational list of all the events suggested so far and gave them out to Committee members. She discussed how the list works by filling in the info for date of each event, chair/contact person and other pertinent info. The Committee will work on this at the next meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

At 8:50 PM Chris Hadik made a motion for the Executive Committee to go into a Non-Public Session; Ed Stuart seconded the motion; all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 (town meeting Thurs., May 16th)

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM; Ed Stuart seconded; all in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pepper, Secretary