

Minutes of the Nottingham 300th Committee Meeting
September 30, 2021
Nottingham Fire Station

Present: Jaye Vilchock, Tiler Eaton, Steve Soreff, Bob Davidson, Romeo Danais, Rhoda Capron, Bill Garnett and Joe Welch. Steve Welch was unable to attend, so Joe ran the meeting.

The minutes of the August 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Pop up Store – A date was set for October 16 at the Recycling Center to hold the next pop up store. The shifts will be 9 to 11, 11 to 1 and 1 to 3 pm. Joe volunteered to cover the first shift with Wanda as all the merchandise is currently at their house. Rhoda offered to work the 11- to 1 shift. We will need to find more volunteers for the other shifts. Bob Davidson will try and show up in his historical uniform.

Flags and Banners – Since they will not be on display until next spring, it was decided there was no need to discuss them this evening. It was noted that the flags on the Square should come down for the winter to preserve them for next year. Tiler will take them down next week and at the same time lower the holders so the flags are less likely to get tangled in the wires when they are put back up next year. The committee has talked about having American flags from Liars to the Town Offices. Rhoda has people who are interested in sponsoring a flag but since she will not be here to see the project through she would like someone else to take on contacting the people and ordering the flags and hardware.

Commemorative license plates- We reviewed the designs that Kelly Dallaire had come up with for the plates. It was decided to take out the “Town of” so Nottingham could be bigger. The committee liked the one with the bigger seal. No one present knew who pays for them and gets the profits. Rhoda offered to talk to Lori Anderson the Town Clerk and get back to everyone with the details and a sample of the final design so we could all approve it and get the plates ordered. She will submit something to the next Town newsletter about it.

Bonfire – Jaye informed us that the Fire Department will do a pick up of old Christmas trees on January 3,4, and 5 for the bonfire. He has already brought 2 trailer loads of pallets to the sandpit for the bonfire. He met with Shawn and they chose a site for the fire. The site we had been considering is an active sand pile and not available. Shawn will excavate 3 to 4 feet down in an area of 30 to 40 feet in diameter for the fire. The Recreation Department will provide hot chocolate. The Police Chief advised having 6 volunteers to direct the parking. The IBEW will donate safety vests for the parking assistants that will eventually go to the Rec Department following the 300th celebration. We will need cones to mark off the parking area. Jaye thought the Highway Department could probably provide them. Jaye suggested we have plans for if there is inclement weather. It was decided the alternate date would be the following weekend, January 15th. We plan to meet at the school at 4:00 pm for a caravan to the fire, the fire itself will start at 5:00 pm. Rhoda will put a notice in the next newsletter about the bonfire. She is hoping they will print it on the back page below the address section.

Reenactment – Bob Davidson reported that a person from His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot Redcoats will be doing the reading of the charter for Charter Day. There may be 3-4 people in uniform as well. Bob's group will have some people dressed in civilian clothes of the approximate time period for the day. It was suggested they have a table there and pass out fliers about the encampment. Bob showed us the Save the Date for the Encampment postcards the first NH had made and passed out at a recent reenactment event. Steve S. wanted to know how much Charter Day would cost. After some

discussion it was decided that budgeting \$400 for the militia presence would be appropriate. As far as the cost of the actual reenactment goes, Bob said providing materials is more important than being paid. Those materials include water, firewood and port a potties. He will be doing a presentation for the November meeting of the Northern Department of the Continental Line at which time he hopes to get final approval from them. There was much discussion about the inclusion of Dragoons at the event. Bill felt it should be up to the Dragoons to find stabling, hay and water for the horses. Bob felt he should help them find local sources etc. Rhoda questioned the need for Dragoons. Bob said there would only be possibly 3 or 4. A dragoon will ride up the road on the March to Medford day event.

Program update – Tiler is very disappointed in the response he has received for ads so far from local vendors. He personally hand delivered many to local businesses but has heard that summer is not a good time to approach them. He wants to wait to print the book until we have a sufficient amount of ads. We set a goal of having the books out for Charter Day in May. Rhoda suggested he request a list of Town vendors and their addresses from the Town Office. Tiler said the company can print a small booklet with all the dates of the planned activities to mail out in January if we get the information to him by December 1. Rhoda will send the group the form she created for people to submit their ads for the Program.

Charter Day – Joe was thinking of inviting the Governor and the Senior Senator to speak at Charter Day. Bob said he had contact with the British Consulate in Boston through Twitter and will see if he can get him to come speak. It was suggested to invite local reps but people did not want this to turn into a politicking event. Rhoda thought the Consulate would be the most appropriate speaker. Joe said they also need a Master of Ceremony for the event.

Steve S announced the Committee received \$728 from Liars Paradise from their Cruise Nights.

Joe had checked with Betsy and so far the Committee has raised \$27,582, spent \$16,963 thus earning \$10,619.

Pumpkin Fest – The Recreation Department had invited the committee to sell food at their event October 30th. The committee agreed that other than selling our own merchandise we need to focus on finalizing our activities rather than raising money. Rhoda will let the Recreation Department know our decision.

Time Capsule -Rose Breslin-Dawson was unable to attend but had sent Rhoda an update of what her school group had come up with so far and some questions they had. They have ordered a stainless steel container for the time capsule and are working on gathering materials to put into it. It is supposed to last 50 years but they are thinking the time capsule should be opened in 25 years. They had a lot of questions about the placement of the capsule, the location, how it would be labeled and protected etc. Tiler will bring up those questions at the Selectmen's meeting on Monday night. Rhoda will suggest that Rose and some of the kids attend or at least submit a letter for the meeting.

Beer – Bob wanted to know if there was any special beer being brewed for the event. Tiler said there was going to be a Nottingham Ale made by the brewery at Johnson's in Northwood. Bob works for a beer distributor and is looking into getting a Four Generals beer brewed by one of his contacts.

Picnic at Pawtuckaway – So far Joe hasn't had any luck getting in touch with the manager at Pawtuckaway State Park about the picnic. Jaye suggested that maybe after hunting season, he would have better luck. Steve S said that the PLIA had been given the free use of a pavilion for their annual

meeting as they provide water monitoring etc. Hopefully the park will do the same for us as the Town provides police, fire and rescue services to the park.

The next meeting will be October 21 at 7 pm at the Fire Station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Capron