

APPROVED - 350th Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting
On January 9, 2023 Approved meeting of 1-30-2023

Remote Meeting Connection:

Meetings normally held at the Municipal Offices are being held remotely, with adequate, alternative means of public access and, where required, public participation provided, in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 which extended the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A § 20, until March 31, 2023. Meetings are typically broadcast on Frontier Community Access Television (FCAT).

Roll Call: Quorum present

Peter Thomas, chair, present
Carolyn Ness, voting member, present
Jay Stryker, voting member, absent
Holly Lankowski, voting member, present
Kelly Charest, voting member, present
Diane Martin, voting member, present
Telecommunications coordinator, Christopher Nolan
Guests who called in: Rocky Foley, Denise Schwartz, Barbara Mathews, Stan Adams,
Cynthia Von Platen, Marie Thomas
Friends of Deerfield representative: Chris Harris

Meeting called to order: 6:40 pm

Minutes for this meeting: The Steering Committee is currently without a recording secretary; Peter T. will create draft minutes and submit for public posting.

This meeting was called to discuss a single topic. No other business requiring action was conducted.

AGENDA: Schedule of 350th Celebration Events for 2023 Calendar Year. Several impediments had come up that brought the viability of June 10th as the scheduled date of the parade and fireworks display into question. These included the fact that a pair of peregrine falcons, an endangered species, is nesting on Mount Sugarloaf and potentially hatching young, as well as a competing parade held in an adjacent town for which detailed information has proven difficult to acquire. After extensive discussion, it was the decision of the Steering Committee, with the concurrence of attending guest, that the parade and fireworks be moved forward to Saturday, June 17. This is a long weekend, which would also offer the opportunity for rain delay and additional events to be scheduled, including the possibility of a chicken barbeque and a multi-class high school reunion.

The selectboard is anticipated to authorize the Recreation Director to facilitate activities between the afternoon parade and night fireworks on June 17. The Friends of Deerfield will explore the possibility of holding an event on June 18.

Peter T. had prepared a draft Events Schedule and e-mailed it to the Steering Committee. This will be discussed during the next scheduled meeting on January 30.

Schedules for subsequent meetings have been set for: January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24. All meetings will be held at 6:30 pm by Zoom unless otherwise notified on a posted agenda.

Meeting adjournment: Motion to adjourn, voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:04.