

**FINAL - 350th Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting  
of February 28, 2022 Approved 3/28/2022**

Remote Meeting Connection:

Broadcast on Frontier Community Access Television (FCAT)

Peter Thomas, Interim Chair for this meeting

**Roll Call:**

Peter Thomas, voting member, present

Jennifer Remillard, voting member, absent

Carolyn Ness, voting member, present

Jay Stryker, voting member, present

Holly Lankowski, voting member, present

Kelly Charest, voting member, present

Diane Martin, voting member, present

Quorum present

Telecommunications coordinator, Alex Herchenreder

Guests who called in: none

FOD representative: none

**Meeting called to order:** 6:43 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.

**Call for motion to adopt/modify agenda:** No items added

**AGENDA**

**Old Business**

- **Approval of Minutes for January 31, 2022 Meeting:** Minutes approved unanimously. Peter T. will post the minutes as approved and the draft minutes for today's meeting.
- **Post Office Cancellation Stamp, Draft of Contest Announcement:** Discussion was tabled
- **Status of Wood from Downed Trees:** After discussions led to the conclusion that the wood would be used to craft items to help finance 350<sup>th</sup> events, it was voted to transfer the wood to the FoD, a 501C3, for fund raising purposes.
- **Parade Entry Documents:** The documents drafted by Holly L. have been submitted to the town. It is anticipated that they will be reviewed by the town attorney and any other required party within the next few weeks. They will then be returned to Holly for use by the Parade Committee.
- **Kick-off Weekend Lighting:** Item was tabled.
- **Arrangements to cover events with FCAT –** Jonathan Boschen will be taking over many of the responsibilities formerly held by Chris Clauson, who recently passed away. Carolyn N. will invite Jonathan to attend next month's meeting to confirm FCAT's commitment to cover 350<sup>th</sup> events and presentations. Such video documentation will be essential to record the events and to archive for future use as well.
- **Agenda and posting responsibilities:** Kelly Charest has agreed to take over responsibility for preparing the monthly meeting agenda and for coordinating with the Assistant Town Manager to post the agenda before each meeting. Thank you, Kelly. Holly L., who has ably performed this role for many months, has worked with Kelly to make this transition as smooth as possible. Thank you, Holly.

- **Steering Committee Report for Town Report.** Holly L. will prepare an overview of Steering Committee activities during 2021 and send to Peter T. so that he can add the History Working Group portion of the annual report and submit it to the town office tomorrow.

## **New Business**

- **Friends of Deerfield (FoD) Up-Date.** A representative was not in attendance.
- **Diane Martin** offered to coordinate **a number of walk-abouts** for the public to introduce them to various areas of Deerfield and encourage greater interest in the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration. The first such event would be this spring along Whately Road. Other such events could occur throughout the seasons. Her offer was roundly applauded. Diane will submit a formal draft proposal to members of the Steering Committee off-line to allow members to return comments or suggestions. Diane will make any modifications she feels necessary and submit a final proposal to the Steering Committee for final approval at a warned meeting.

## **Announcements**

- Jay Stryker asked that the first two Saturdays in March and the first two Saturdays in November, 2023 be reserved on the 350<sup>th</sup> Events Calendar for programs to be presented by the *Museum of Our Industrial Heritage*.
- It was noticed in a newspaper article that a traveling exhibit, “Cross Roads: Changes in Early America” by the Smithsonian will be housed at the Great Falls Discovery Museum between February 5 and March 18, 2023. It was suggested that such events as these could be advertised on the 350<sup>th</sup> web site, but as something separate from the 350<sup>th</sup> Calendar of Events. Further discussion will wait until the web master is present.
- Peter T. informed the Committee that he had received an e-mail from Layla Hazen, a school teacher, thanking him for the resources he had provided about the Pocumtuck Indians. She further indicated that a small group of educators and interested individuals were planning to work together to develop related school curriculum and hoped to do so this coming summer.

Peter T. also conveyed that Layla would like the Steering Committee to consider taking a stance on a Land Acknowledgment proposal. After some brief discussion, Peter T. proposed that he send a brief description about the intent of the Land Acknowledgment proposal and past correspondence to members of the Steering Committee. Any further discussion and/or action should be taken after posting on a future agenda.

- Peter T. informed the Committee that he had made an appointment on March 8th to meet with John Davis, the new President of Historic Deerfield, to discuss the organization’s participation in the 350<sup>th</sup>. Peter will discuss the possibility of using HD videos as part of the year-long programing.
- Peter T. also plans to meet on March 9<sup>th</sup> with the board of directors of the Turners Falls Battlefield Project and invite them to put on a presentation about their exciting discoveries during 2023. As tribal representatives are expected to be at the board meeting, this would also provide an opportunity to extend an invitation to the tribes to participate in the 350<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

- **Other business not anticipated** – none

**Meeting adjournment:** Motion to adjourn. Voted in the affirmative – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

**Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm