

**Draft - 350th Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting  
On May 23, 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, absent  
Diane Martin, voting member, present

Telecommunications coordinator: Pat Kroll  
Friends of Deerfield: Chris Harris, Stan Adams, Alex Hershenreder  
Others: Rocky Foley (resident) and Sue Antonellis (Recreation Director)

**Meeting called to order: 6:36 pm**

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

**Call for motion to adopt/modify agenda:** A request was made to consider a request from Tree House Brewery to support a half-marathon as part of the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration. It was agreed that this item would be discussed first so that the representative did not have to attend an extended meeting.

**AGENDA**

***Old Business***

- ❖ **Approval of minutes from May 9 meeting.** It was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting held on May 9.
  
- ❖ Allison Masley, spokesperson for Tree House Brewery, indicated that Tree House has contracted to put on a half ½ marathon run on September 17, Sunday, between roughly 9 am and 1 pm. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to support this run as a 350<sup>th</sup> event and to add it to**

**our 350<sup>th</sup> events calendar.** All costs and permitting will be covered by Tree House Brewery. A contract has already been signed between the brewery and a professional events organizer. Local and state permitting remain. Allison is to send Peter T. the formal event name and other information for inclusion in the next meeting minutes.

#### ❖ **Mural Update**

- Carolyn N. spoke with Judith Inglese about her proposed ceramic mural and determined that the weight of the mural was light enough to mount on the brick façade of the town hall.

Carolyn N. referred Judith to Peter T. to identify historical elements of Deerfield's history that might be depicted in her mural. Peter spoke with Judith for over an hour and discussed a wide array of events, as well as natural and cultural elements that are reflected in Deerfield's history.

Judith will create one or more draft sketches which she will present to the Steering Committee for review and comment. No time for such a presentation was established.

#### ❖ **Bicycle Ride/Safety Program Update**

- Diane M. checked with a group that was sponsoring bicycle tours last fall about doing one or more rides for the 350<sup>th</sup>. Members of the group will be away in June, so she will check back with them in July.

#### ❖ **1973 Time Capsule Update**

- Carolyn N. reports that one source indicates that the time capsule is located beneath the north lawn of Tilton Library. Its precise location is unknown. There is still uncertainty as to whether a time capsule was ever buried during the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Holly will check with Pam Hodges.

#### ❖ **Parade Working Group Update**

- Holly L. reports that the working group has been very busy. They are currently holding weekly meetings; they will be meeting even more frequently as the parade date approaches.
- An extensive task list has been prepared – arrangement of bathroom facilities along the parade route, signage and handouts about parade route, timing, facilities, etc.

- Carolyn N. clarified that the selectboard members and guests will be using Galenski's 48 ft trailer as the town float decorated by paintings/drawings done by school children.
- Members of the Parade Group will be attending the selectboard meeting on May 31 to provide a public update on the event. They will be ready for their presentation at 6 pm.
- The parade working group is expecting to work long hours during the coming weeks. An inquiry was made as to the possibility of providing food for the lengthy work group meetings. **A motion was made and approved unanimously to support the purchase of food for the working group, not to exceed \$1,500.**
- A discussion was held as to the need to position the Mummers and FoD together in the parade.
- If the parade is rained out, FoD has arranged that the Mummers to put on three 20-minute shows in the gym at Frontier on Saturday afternoon. It was suggested that other bands might be interested in acting similarly. It is recognized that this would require intense coordination. No final decision was made.

#### ❖ **Post-Parade Event Update**

- The need for lighting at the Grammar School will be gauged a week ahead of time and steps will be taken accordingly to meet the need.
- Sue A. indicated that most of the activities will be held in the open space just east of the Grammar School, i.e., between the ballfield and the school building.
- Sue. A. has submitted invoices to Pat K. to cover various vendors' expenses. Peter T. needs to authorize these submittals.
- The bounce house is covered by insurance.
- Chris Miller, Assistant Road Superintendent, has indicated that the department to take care of all trash generated by the post-parade event.
- All neighbors on Pleasant Street have been notified that various events will be happening on school property after the parade on June 17.

#### ❖ **Working History Group Update**

- Peter T. is still hearing very positive comments about Founders' Day weekend.
- He is preparing a journal article about the Bloody Brook event.

- He is also preparing a talk for Historic Deerfield's Summer Speaker Series about the Pocumtuck, to be given on July 5. Other talks will be given by Collin Calloway and Marj Bruchac.

❖ **Friends of Deerfield Update**

- The Mummers are all lined up, contract signed.
- Stan A. and Sue A. have been working together to coordinate the after-parade event. There has been excellent coordination.
- If it rains on June 17<sup>th</sup>, fireworks cannot be installed or ignited. The show will be postponed until the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- FoD offered to provide additional volunteers for the parade event if needed.
- FoD had purchased four 3 x 5 ft flags with the 350<sup>th</sup> logo on one side and the town seal on the other to be hung at the South Deerfield common this week.

❖ **New Business Not Anticipated**

- No agenda items were added.

❖ **Schedule for the next meetings** : Tuesdays at 6:30, June 6.

❖ **Meeting adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.