

## **Approved - 350th Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting**

**On November 27, 2023 Approved during meeting on 1-8-2024**

### 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, absent

Kelly Charest, voting member, present

Diane Martin, voting member, present

Telecommunications coordinator: Pat Kroll

Friends of Deerfield: Chris Harris, Stan Adams, Marie Thomas

Others: none

**Meeting called to order:** 6:33 pm

**Note:** This meeting was held jointly with officers of the Friends of Deerfield

**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:** Three items added under new business: Unveiling of mural; Continuance of 350 web page; Church open houses

## **AGENDA**

### ***Old Business***

- **Approval of minutes from last meeting.** It was voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the Steering Committee meeting held on October 30.
- ❖ **Time Capsule:** Voted to table further discussion until later meeting
  
- ❖ **Working History Group Update**
  - Recent talk:
    - Thomas, Sanderson, and Mathews: "*And That's the Way It Was*" – *A Photo Essay and Reflections about Deerfield's Peoples, Places and Ways of Life*" Well received and good audience participation.

- Upcoming talks scheduled
  - Kevin McBride, “*King Philip’s War, the Battle of Great Falls/Peskeompskut (May 19, 1676): A Review. Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Frontier Regional High School. Posted on 350<sup>th</sup> and other outlets.*
  - Booklet on Deerfield Churches (discussed under new business)

## **New Business**

### **❖ Update from Friends of Deerfield (FoD) Representative**

- ❖ Chris H., Stan A., and Marie T. were in attendance on the ZOOM meeting call. The following agenda items were discussed jointly.

### **❖ Churches Open House**

- Schedule of all church services and open houses has been widely advertised
- A final reception will be held at the Pope John Paul Center, Holy Name of Jesus, from 11 am-3 pm. Kathleen Tomaus Catering will be providing a buffet sponsored by FoD.
- Peter T. compiled a booklet titled *Deerfield Churches, Then and Now*. Review copies will be available at the reception, along with a sign-up sheet for people to obtain copies by e-mail. It will also be posted on the Deerfield 350<sup>th</sup> web site.
- A more detailed program of the event has been posted on the Deerfield 350<sup>th</sup> web site and elsewhere. Chris H. has secured free advertising with the *Gazette*

### **❖ Mural:**

- Funding approval submitted for payment for artists costs.
- Judith Inglese, the artist, reports that the mural will be ready before the end of the year.
- A formal unveiling was approved for December 30, Saturday afternoon, with an ice cream social sponsored by FoD at the town hall. Carolyn N. and others felt this would be a fitting ending to the year.
- Judith will bring the mural to the town hall by December 28
- FCAT has indicated its availability to cover the event

### **❖ Discussion to extend Deerfield350<sup>th</sup> web site for an additional year**

- Voted to continue the site for another year (unanimous).
- Carolyn N. had a brief discussion with Jennifer R about the web site. Jenn indicated that the FoD had bought the domain name, but that WIX was paid with a town credit card. Pat K, Marie and others will sort out the details.

❖ **Schedule for the next meeting :** *Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm*, to be held remotely.

❖ **Meeting adjournment:** Motion to adjourn approved at 7:03 pm.