

**Town of Bristol  
Bicentennial Committee  
January 24, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Janet Cote, Deb Johnson, Lucille Keegan, Hilda Bruno, Les Dion

Janet reports that Stacy Buckley will be joining the committee but was unable to be here tonight. Michelle Balboni will no longer be able to be on the committee as she has taken a new job. Janet welcomed Deb Johnson who is here representing Newfound Area Nursing Association. Deb said that she was asked to come by Pat to find out what our needs are and how NANA can assist.

Janet said that they completed the mailing at the last meeting and that of the 200+ sent out only about 21 came back for bad addresses. Deb said that she would be willing to go through those and see if she can find the correct addresses. Janet said that it may be time to approach businesses and also start thinking about sponsors. Lucille suggested that we have specific activities/events we can approach businesses about and see where there interest is. We need to get a Facebook page up and running. Janet will be meeting with Christina on this. Les suggested we might want to do a quarterly or bi-annual newsletter to keep people up to date on our plans.

Janet gave a brief history of what has been done to date. The committee was appointed in June and to date have put together a calendar of events that happen each year. As we review the events that happen each year we want to think about how we can tie them into the theme for the bicentennial. We have also done some brainstorming of ideas. Les suggested we start with a logo and then get it out on postcards to businesses and others as a 'save the date'.

Lucille said that the Historical Society hopes to pull together a historical play at the Old Town Hall. Janet said that she saw a town that created a wall in a school of the history of their town. Deb said that NANA would be happy to have a health tent at an event. Lucille suggested that we could put a book together over the year and Janet agreed that there is potential for a number of products we could do.

We discussed the idea of making the culminating events on Old Home Day weekend. We would have a parade then as well as for the 4<sup>th</sup>. One idea has been to have an event on the actual date but it falls during the week on a Monday. It might be good to do something on Kelley Park on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Old Home Day date that year is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Hilda said that she has been looking into an encampment and that this is something we want to book early.

It was agreed that we should start approaching the other service organizations that would include:

- Rotary
- Lion's

- Mason's
- Sawhengit
- Pasquaney Garden Club
- Churches
- Slim Baker
- NLRA

It was suggested that we talk to Clay Dingman, Nicole Goudreau, Claire Moorhead and the Tonner Brothers about ideas for the logo. The mortar was used in the last commemorative materials. It was felt it would be nice to have something that brings us into the current day. We discussed doing commemorative coins and maybe license plates.

Les will speak with Claire Moorhead regarding the cost of having her do some of the planning and organizing work. She has done this for other towns. It was also agreed that we would start making a list of potential bands for the parade. Janet will be working on this and Londonderry and Winnisquam were two that were suggested. Deb suggested we check with the Humanities Council for help with funding certain events. It was suggested that Brittany from the Library might be helpful with that. Lucille will speak with her. Janet and Deb will work on grant research.

A story teller was suggested to have narrate the play that the Historical Society wants to do. Janet will contact Rebecca Rule to see if she might be interested. It was also suggested to check with Trish Lindberg from PSU as she is involved in their drama program. Hilda will put together a list of potential enacampments/re-enactments.

Next Meeting: February 28<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Dion

## Committee Member Punch List

Janet

- Grant Research
- Band Research
- Trish Lindberg?
- Rebecca Rule?

Hlda

- Encampment/Re-enactment ideas and costs

Lucille

- Speak with Brittany at Library regarding Humanities Grant and her interest in helping with committee

Deb

- Grant Research

Les

- Speak with Claire Moorhead for prices on helping us
- Ask Select Board about using Old Home Day weekend for the culminating event and parade or do they have another preference