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## Town of Grantham

### 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Planning Meeting

July 28, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Sheridan Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Hall building located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

Present: Selectman Sheridan Brown, Debbie Brown (250<sup>th</sup> Committee), Jamielynn Garland (Activities), Charlie Taber (Eastman), Felicia Tanenbaum (Grantham Church), Dave Kinne (Cub Scouts), Ken Story (Historical Society), Selectman's Representative Warren Kimball, Merle and Helen Schotanus (Prouty)

Meeting minutes: Nikki Arsenault

Absent:

I. INTRODUCTIONS – Sheridan Brown opened the meeting by allowing the group to introduce themselves.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular meeting minutes of 5/26/2016 – Sheridan Brown announced that the approval of the meeting minutes will be tabled until next meeting so that attendees can have a chance to read over the meeting minutes.

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Special Town Meeting Vote / Fundraising Next Steps – Sheridan noted that the vote passed at the Special Town Meeting, giving the Selectman the authority to accept gifts on behalf of this committee, therefore the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee is now able to legally accept gifts.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Establishment of Committees - Sheridan Brown then announced that he would like to form a fundraising committee for the specific purpose of fundraising as mentioned above. Ken Story noted that he would like to assist in this endeavor but has to first finish the Grantham Town History; his plan is to have this completed by October or November of 2016. The question was raised if a fundraising goal has been established and Sheridan Brown noted that a figure hasn't yet been decided upon, but once the calendar is finalized he will know for sure. For the moment, the goal is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20k - \$25k. Sheridan Brown added that it would also be helpful to establish an Administrative Committee; members of this committee would be responsible for basic logistical tasks. The third and final committee would be the Communications Committee. Ken Story noted that he has a contact in the radio business who will likely be of assistance; Ken will send the name of this individual to Sheridan. Jamielynn Garland added that WMTK might also be a good option; she recently went on air with them to promote Music in the Meadow.

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- Confirm Calendar and Planned Fundraising Activities –
  - June 2017 – Town-wide yard sale; Father/Daughter Dance
  - Kickoff event for the 250th – June 2017 at the Eastman Center – invite sponsors and recognize contributors. Consider charging a small entrance fee depending on attendance numbers. Ken Story noted that he believed this would be a great location for this event so that Eastman can be involved. Charlie Taber noted that he would be willing to speak to Eastman about the kickoff event to get preliminary approval. Sheridan Brown added that he will give Taber a more concrete description of events once this is available. It will likely be a reception and cocktail hour; Jamielynn Garland raised the question of whether or not this would be a family event or a more formal event geared more toward adults and it was decided that the event will be open to all; the ticket price will be determined based on the amount of money raised prior to the event. Charlie Taber noted that this would be a good opportunity for an event sponsorship.
  - Promotional materials – Selectman Brown announced that it would be important to narrow down the list of potential promotional materials (t-shirts, bumper stickers, etc.) so to as not to have too many additional items leftover after the event.
  - July 2017 events:
    - Pontoon boat tours of Eastman – Charlie Taber will work with the Lakes & Streams Committee to obtain more information. Taber also noted that it may be best to have the tours in August so that there is a better opportunity to spot wildlife.
  - Prouty – Prouty t-shirt with 250<sup>th</sup> logo?
  - Last Tuesday of August (last Music in the Meadow) August 29, 2017 – potential timeline of events: ice cream social, concert, fireworks. Jamielynn Garland noted that this will depend on what the first day of school is for Grantham Village School. She would like to avoid planning this event on a day when the next day is a school day so that families will be more likely to be in attendance.
  - Other potential August events:
    - Dog Days of Summer OR Bark in the Park – also a possible fundraising opportunity for the local humane societies.
    - Tractor event / Historic tractors
    - Photos taken by drone – Group Town photo
  - September events:
    - David’s House golf tournament at Eastman will take place next month (October 2017), so September could work for a 250<sup>th</sup> tournament.
    - Foliage hike at Little Mount Washington
    - Austin Corban event
  - October events:
    - Scarecrows & trick or treating
    - Audubon Society or falconers to bring a bird of prey to the GVS Outdoor Classroom

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- Saturday (prior to Halloween) Eastman trick or treating 3-5pm, then the GVS Halloween dance that evening from 5:30-8pm.
- November events:
  - Veteran's memorial – Ken Story noted that there is an accurate list of veterans available that can be used for the monument.
- December events:
  - Holiday lights / snowmen
  - Breakfast with Santa – first Saturday in December; then off to the fire station for cookie decorating. Sunday – Play performance and Holiday lights
  - Grantham Storytellers Night – (move to February?)
- Other winter events:
  - Skiing at Rec Field or Eastman
  - Jersey Matura (?) – ice rink
- February:
  - Learn to Ice Fish – South Cove
  - Potential – Old time logging with oxen – Old time horse logging event sponsored by GCC – to take place at Sherwood Forest or Smith lot.
  - Ice harvesting – info from Musterfield Farm in Sutton
  - Valentine's Day event – Jamielynn Garland noted that she is tentatively changing the date of the Mother/Son dance. It could be changed to a family event.
- March:
  - Town Meeting – pick a month from the census
  - Maple sugaring event – Daisy Hill Farm has offered to put a 250<sup>th</sup> sticker on their syrup this year. Sugar snow, maple candy, maple farm tours.
- April:
  - Egg hunt
  - Easter 2018 – April 1, 2018
  - Awareness month for local agencies – Garden Club?
  - Sugar River – rabies / microchip clinic
  - Fly Fishing demo – Boy Scouts
- May:
  - Plant Sale
  - Historical Society Annual Meeting
  - Garden Club event
  - Fishing tournament
- June / July:
  - Closing event – Old Home Day, Grantham story tellers, mini re-cap events, pass out remaining promotional materials, create/bury a time capsule.

### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS / PARTNER UPDATES

- Blue Mountain Snowdusters – n/a
- Dunbar Free Library – coloring book? Follow-up with Lori on the Friends committee
- Eastman Village District (see above)

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- Grantham Activities Department (see above)
- Grantham Conservation Commission (see above)
- Grantham Fire Department – n/a
- Grantham Garden Club – n/a
- Grantham Historical Society – would consider helping with the calendar – 18 month calendar showing all events scheduled to take place. This is a promotional item that could be sold. “Side by side” photos could be used for the calendar.
- Grantham Village School – n/a
- Open Space Committee – n/a

### VI. OTHER

- Jamielynn will follow up with Lori regarding the 250<sup>th</sup> logo
- Permanent promo objects: ornament, coffee mug, beer mug, blanket (price quotes available from Warren Kimball)
- Bumper stickers (Contact info?)
- T-shirts – compare to Prouty cost
- Grantham King/Queen
- Potential vendors for promotional materials -

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Selectman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikki Arsenault