**250th Anniversary Celebration Meeting Minutes**

**July 18, 2021**

Present: Maureen Ippolito, Silas Ball, Emily Jillson, Susan Mareneck, Dawn Marvin Ward, Eva Gibavic, Tom Hankinson, Ann Tweedy, Diane Crowe

Follow-ups from the last meeting were presented:

Maureen Ippolito had a Zoom meeting with LES to connect about the 250th. The 250th Committee will get in touch with teachers before the end of the school year 2023 so they can begin to plan how to be involved in the 250th. The Committee’s ideas were shared.

The LCA was asked about using the Barnes Gallery the weekend of the birthday party to display old documents, photos and artifacts.

The 250th Committee now has a fundraising account created by the town through Unipay

We are still figuring out how to proceed with the website Ruth West’s students designed for the 250th

Updates from committees:

The birthday party will be Saturday, March 9, 2024. The Birthday Party Committee is still deciding about the large wooden birthday cake we can get from Hatfield for our celebration.

Jim Allen, who is on the Road Race Committee, couldn’t be at the meeting, but left us a map of the 10K/6.1 mile road race he is proposing. Don Robinson, who is also on the committee, could not attend either, but proposed a shorter race via email for walkers and runners.

David Rice, who is on the committee planning the Geocache Scavenger hunt, relayed via email that he has been scouting out locations with cultural or historical significance.

Eva Gibavic, who is on the Native American and People of Color Committees, said they are researching and educating themselves right now.

Diane Crowe of the Music Committee listed several local bands they plan to contact.

New business:

Susan Mareneck suggested we change the name of the chicken barbeque to just barbeque to be inclusive of people’s different food preferences. Everyone was in agreement.

There was some discussion about the barbeque and what we might need in terms of permits and Board of Health approval.

Susan Mareneck asked if we had reached out to the Leverett Education Foundation. We did not reach out to them. Maureen Ippolito will do that. Susan also presented information about the commemorative postal cancellation. More discussion is needed about that.

The 250th Committee will be asking the Select Board to recognize us as an official town committee.

We need to have a warrant article for Town Meeting submitted by November of this year.

The next meeting will be Sunday, October 17 at 3pm. Location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ippolito