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250th Committee Meeting

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Minutes: November 13, 2024

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Location: Evelyn Haines Conference Room at Town Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Town Manager Clancy Main.

Attendance

Members present: Albert Chin, Diana Saunders, Dan Burns, Darlene Torre, Taryn Gillis, Anthony Ventresca, Gil Moreira, Michele DeParasis, Clancy Main, Dave Grubb, Jessie Hampson, Donna McCoy

Guests: Dina Favreu, Selectperson

Absent: Kelley Sardina, Roy Frost, Robert Cole, Robert Maynard

Pledge of Allegiance

All members present stood and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers

Chairperson-

Dan Burns and Anthony Ventresca were nominated for Chairperson.

Anthony Ventresca was elected and assumed the role of Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson-

Dan Burns was nominated as Vice-Chairperson and was elected unanimously.

Secretary-

Michele DeParasis was nominated as Secretary and elected unanimously.

Treasurer-

Diana Saunders was nominated as Treasurer and elected unanimously.

Tony Ventresca assumed the role of Chairperson

Clancy Main, Town Manager, asked that the floor be opened for ideas.

Scope and Focus of the 250th Celebration

Dina Favreau, the Selectperson, asked that the committee consider including other historical aspects in the celebration, particularly those related to Women's Rights.

After discussion, it was determined that the Committee would consider coordinating with other organizations to hold a more extended celebration rather than a one-day event.

Dan Burns proposed that the committee coordinate with the Billerica Colonial Minutemen to complete a Minuteman statue to display in the Town Center.

Taryn Gillis will contact the Yankee Doodle Committee about the possibility of a 250th-themed parade during Yankee Doodle Weekend.

Darlene Torre asked that the schools be included in the events.

The Masons will hold an event at the Thomas Ditson School in Pinehurst in March, including the tarring and feathering of Matt Ahearn, a descendant of Thomas Ditson.

Dave Grubb, Recreation Director, asked if the Committee would consider closing the Town Center for one day in July for a celebration, possibly with a "Biergarten."

Michele DeParasis suggested that the Town create a page on its website to post and share the various events on social media. This would promote the events and attract attention to Billerica's crucial historical role in the country's founding.

Gil Moreira will contact the Lion's Club about the possibility of co-ordinating for their annual carnival.

The Committee will look into the possibility of a fireworks display.

Michele DeParasis will begin the process of applying for a Community Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting:

December 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Evelyn Haines Conference Room at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele DeParasis

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Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Town Clerk Donna McCoy took a Roll Call Vote:

Albert Chin

Diana Saunders

Dan Burns

Darlene Torre

Taryn Gillis

Anthony Ventresca

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Gil Moreira

Michele DeParasis-Assoc. Member Historical Comm.

Town Manager, Clancy Main

Dave Grubb- Recreation Director

Jessie Hampson- Asst. Recreation Director

Kelley Sardina was absent from the meeting.

Town Clerk, Donna McCoy, asked for nominations for Chairperson.

Gil Moreira made a motion to nominate Dan Burns.

Dan Burns made a motion to nominate Anthony Ventresca

On a voice vote, Anthony Ventresca was nominated as Chairman.

Mr. Ventresca took over and asked for nominations for Vice- Chairman,
Secretary

and Treasurer.

Dan Burns was nominated as Vice-Chairman. Gil Moreira seconded.

All present voted in favor of Dan Burns.

Michele DeParasis was nominated as Secretary, Diana Saunders seconded.

All present voted in favor of Michele DeParasis.

Diana Saunders was nominated as Treasurer, Darlene Torre seconded.

All present voted in favor of Diana Saunders.

After completing nominations of the Board Members, Chairman Anthony Ventresca

took over the meeting with Michele DeParasis taking the minutes.

Mr. Ventresca asked if anyone wanted to speak at Open Mike. Select Board member

Dina Favreau congratulated the newly formed committee members and asked if

they would include Women's accomplishments (ex. Woman's Suffrage) over the

years.

Town Manager Clancy Main spoke to the Board about their goals and

Accomplishments. Did they plan on holding one event or a few. Also, think about

incorporating the schools into the activities/festivities planned.

Board Member Dan Burns said it will be a "Celebration Period".

Respectfully submitted,

S/

Donna J McCoy

Donna J McCoy, CMC

Town Clerk