

TOWN OF SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes – October 16, 2013



1765 – 2015

(Town Incorporated on June 21, 1765)

The Town of Sharon 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center Hearing room with Board of Selectmen Chairman “Joe” Roach and twenty-one (21) volunteers attending.

The meeting began with Marlene Chused, Town Clerk, swearing in the members that were present at the Town of Sharon 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee. Members that were not in attendance will be notified that they must be sworn in before the next scheduled meeting. They may go to the Town Offices to the Town Clerk’s office to be sworn in.

Approval of October 2, 2013 Regular Session Minutes

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Regular Session Minutes of October 2, 2013  
VOTED: Unanimous

Chair Roach asked the Committee if there was anyone interested in being the Vice-Chair of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

Chair Roach asked the Committee if there was anyone who would like to be Secretary of the Committee. The current Secretary has three other committees and does minutes for and does not have the time to commit to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

Chair Roach informed the Committee that information from Medway and Milton in regard to their Anniversary Celebrations have been received and distributed to the Committee.

One of the biggest expenses in preparation for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is the organization of a parade. Chair Roach informed the Committee contact was made to the Shriners asking the price of engaging them to come to Sharon for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and deciding on a date in September. The price quoted was \$11,000 (120 people plus equipment). It was suggested by the Shriners that anytime after Labor Day is workable. Bands are very expensive and it will be up to the Committee if they want to hire them. It was suggested that Chair Roach call the Shriners and negotiate a price.

It was Moved and Seconded to authorize Chairman Joe Roach to negotiate with the Shriners a price of hiring the band for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. VOTED: Unanimous

Also brought up was the idea of a “Giant Anniversary Parade”.

It was Moved and Seconded to have a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giant Parade in the Town of Sharon to be decided by the Committee. VOTED: Unanimous

The following two (2) Sub-Committees were formed:

**Fundraising:** Members on this committee are David I. Clifton, Chairman Joe Roach, Bill Fowler, Jerry Saphire and Holly Lite.

**Public Relations:** Bob Weeks

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Fundraising Sub-Committee and the Public Relations Sub-Committee.

VOTED: Unanimous

Following are event suggestions and discussions from the Committee:

- Chairman Roach has talked to Cable Channels 8 and 22 to help with 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
- Mr. Bergeron suggested that a music sub-committee be created for performances;
- Mr. Clifton distributed to the members a copy of programs/events/suggestions for consideration for the year-round celebration;
- Mr. Clifton to prepare an organizational chart and also a budget;
- Consider in late October 2015 a bonfire with hotdogs, hamburgers and bands;
- Get business to sponsor a parade or a bonfire, etc.;
- Invite all organizations to do their own floats for the parade – getting everyone involved;
- 250 Dollar Club – Support the Celebration – Get businesses and sponsors;
- Do historical events at the library;
- Do we want an event every month or should we skip a month;
- Need a “Theme”;
- Bill Fowler to follow-up on setting up a web page specifically for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Don Hillegass in the IT department;
- Bill Fowler will add to the tax bills advertising the 250<sup>th</sup>;
- Donation account to be set up by the Town Accountant.

For January 2014 the start of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it was suggested that a “Ball Drop” for New Year’s Eve be considered in Sharon Square. There would be two “Ball Drops” one for families with young children and the other for the adults.

It was Moved and Seconded to approve to have a “Ball Drop” for New Year’s Eve in Sharon Square.

VOTED: Unanimous

For the month of February it was suggested that a History Fair be the theme of the month and have the schools involved. Chairman Roach will be in touch with School Superintendent Tim Farmer.

It was Moved and Seconded to approve to have a History Fair and having the schools involved for the month of February.

VOTED: Unanimous

Next Meeting to be announced  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

