

TOWN OF SHARON 250TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes – November 6, 2013



1765 – 2015

(Town Incorporated on June 21, 1765)

The Town of Sharon 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m. at the COA Adult Center Multi-Purpose Room with Co-Chairs “Joe” Roach and David I. Clifton and twenty-eight (28) committee members attending.

Approval of October 16, 2013 Regular Session Minutes

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Regular Session Minutes of October 16, 2013
VOTED: Unanimous

Town Meeting Article 10 Approved

At the Fall Town Meeting held on Monday, November 4, 2013, Article 10 recommending an appropriation of \$50,000 for the Town of Sharon’s 250th Anniversary Committee special fund was voted unanimously.

Treasurer – Proposed Fee Chart for Donations – Treasurer William Fowler

Bill Fowler, Town Treasurer, explained to the committee the process of how donations to the 250th Fund would work. Mr. Fowler distributed a “draft” of the Town of Sharon 250th Anniversary Committee “Sponsor Form” to be filled in by the sponsor’s name and address. Suggested 250th pledges are as followed: “\$250,000, \$25,000, \$2,500, \$25.00, \$2.50 and other”, keeping with the theme of the 250th (Checks are to be made out to: Town of Sharon-250th Anniversary Committee.) Treasurer Fowler informed the Committee that starting in January 2014 you will be able to go online to make donations.

Review Proposed Organizational Chart - Co-Chair David I. Clifton

Co-Chair Dave Clifton reviewed with the Committee the proposed Organizational Chart. There was some disagreement to the name of Executive Committee. A few members suggested the Committee be called the Steering Committee or Coordinating Committee. This Committee will be made up of seven (7) members and will be making all final decisions on all the events. This item to be further discussed at the next meeting.

Shriners – Co-Chair Joe Roach

At the October 16, 2013 meeting, it was suggested that Co-Chair Roach call the Shriners and negotiate a price for the Giant Parade. Mr. Roach contacted the Shriners and was able to reduce the price from \$11,000 to \$10,000.

Letter from Member Paul Remy

Laura Rosenspan read the following letter from the Chairperson of the Commission on Disabilities:

“My name is Paul Remy and I am the Chairperson of the Commission on Disabilities. The Commission would like to ensure that all activities/events of the 250th Anniversary are accessible to Sharon residents with disabilities. I will be attending tonight’s meeting. Due to my speech impairment, I wrote some of my ideas below:

- 1. If the Committee decides to have a historical play/musical about Sharon, the performance could have actors/actresses with disabilities.*
- 2. Present information on people with disabilities during the History Fair. Some residents who acquired disabilities, such as amputations, during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, for example, probably came back home and had essential/influential roles in shaping the Town and its Government. Such information would be both informative and educations – teaching students, for example, about disabled people having productive lives and inclusion.”*

The following was discussed by the Committee:

- ❖ Family Week to be called Anniversary Week;
- ❖ Have a major Health Fair;
- ❖ Helping families in Town;
- ❖ Make sure every event is handicapped accessible;
- ❖ New Town Web Site to have a 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee page;
- ❖ Elliot Rittenberg of the Rotary Club to have packaged meals donated to shelters as an event for the 250th;
- ❖ Create a “Calendar of Events” for the entire year (Nancy Fyler and Dave Clifton to work on;
- ❖ Linda Salon liaison between School Department and 250th Committee;
- ❖ Incorporate Lake Massapoag with Parade;
- ❖ Have Sharon School students write a song about Sharon.

Next Meeting to be announced

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.