

**TOWN OF SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER**



**MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2014  
COMMUNITY CENTER – ADULT CENTER DOWNSTAIRS**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: SELECTMAN JOE ROACH, DAVE CLIFTON, SELECTMAN J.J. MCGRATH, SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD, BOB WEEKS, PAUL REMY, CAROLYN WEEKS, STEVE LESCO, SARAH WINDMAN, STEVE SAVRANN, LAURA ROSENSPAN, ROBERTA SAPHIRE, JERRY SAPHIRE, PAUL BERGERON, RICK SCHANTZ, DAVE MARTIN, LINDA SALON, & LOUIS MODESTINO (LOTS OF FOLKS ON VACATION)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00PM - SELECTMAN JOE ROACH**

**TOTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: 18**

**TREASURERS REPORT: BILL FOWLER PRESENTED A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IN WRITING OF INCOME AND EXPENSES THUS FAR**

**REVIEWED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> MEETING AS MAILED TO COMMITTEE**

**STATE CONTRIBUTION TO CELEBRATION: TERRIFIC NEWS! A \$50,000 DONATION WILL COME FROM THE STATE TOWARDS THE CELEBRATION AS SIGNED OFF BY THE GOVERNOR**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: DAVE CLIFTON REPORTED THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET WITH THE SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 22 IN ORDER TO GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE PLANS FOR THE CELEBRATION.**

**FUNDRAISING REPORT: DAVE CLIFTON BROUGHT THE COMMITTEE UP-TO-DATE ON THE FUNDS RAISED THUS FAR FOR THE CELEBRATION (GOING WELL) – WE ARE STILL WAITING ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR SPONSORS TO CONFIRM THEIR DONATIONS! HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SHARON CREDIT UNION HAS AGREED TO**

**DONATE \$5,000.00 AND CVS HAS GUARANTEED \$5,000.00. THE ENTIRE CELEBRATION COULD COST CLOSE TO \$150,000.00**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT ON ANNIVERSARY BOOK:**

**SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MADE SOME OPENING REMARKS REGARDING THE PLANS FOR THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK WHICH WILL DESCRIBE THE EVENTS OF THE SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> AS WELL AS THE HISTORY OF THE PAST 250 YEARS. JJ MCGRATH GAVE SOME DETAILS OF THE BOOK THAT WILL BE PUT TOGETHER BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WITH INPUT FROM GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN TOWN. HE STATED THAT THE BOOK MAY HAVE AS MANY AS 200 PAGES; COST APPROXIMATELY \$19.00 PER BOOK; TAKE ABOUT 4 WEEKS TO PRINT 500 COPIES AT THE END OF THE CELEBRATION AND BLACK & WHITE PRINT EXCEPT FOR THE COVER.**

**CHURCH BELLS: CAROLYN WEEKS WAS APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS ON JANUARY 1, 2015 AFTER THE BALL DROP AT 8:00PM. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE RING THE CHURCH BELLS AGAIN ON JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 12:00 NOON - THE OFFICIAL DATE OF THE SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**SPECIAL 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COIN: BOB WEEKS PRESENTED THE NEW COIN TO THE COMMITTEE AND EVERYONE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE FINISHED PRODUCT. HOWEVER, LOTS OF DISCUSSION AND CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE REGARDING THE OPTIONS TO GIVE THE COIN AWAY OR SELL THE COIN FOR PROFIT. JJ MCGRATH MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE COIN TO FOLKS FOR RECOGNITION PURPOSES; GIVE THE COIN TO THOSE WHO ATTEND THE ANNIVERSARY BALL; AND TO PRESENT A COIN TO THE MAJOR DONORS AS A THANK YOU FOR THEIR HEALTHY CONTRIBUTION. THE MOTION ALSO STATED THAT THE COINS WILL NOT GO ON SALE UNTIL AFTER THE ANNIVERSARY BALL. MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

SHARON 250 MAIN  
LOGO SPOT w GOLD-

**PHOTOGRAPHERS: LOUIS MODESTINO WILL COORDINATE THE PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER ALL EVENTS DURING THE YEAR ROUND CELEBRATION. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE CONTACT THE**

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB AT THE SCHOOL TO TAKE PHOTOS OF THE ENTIRE CELEBRATION. THE TOWN PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WAS ALSO SUGGESTED!**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: THE SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE WILL ALSO MEET WITH THE SHARON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDER TO GIVE A PREVIEW OF THE CELEBRATION.**

**STATUS OF THE POLE BANNERS: JOE ROACH GAVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE SALE OF POLE BANNERS- A TOTAL OF 83 BANNERS WERE SOLD AND WE ARE NOW KEEPING A WAITING LIST AS WE LOOK FOR A DECISION BY VERIZON AND INSTAR TO USE THE TELEPHONE POLES ON THE MAIN STREETS AS WELL AS POND STREET – THIS WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELL EXTRA BANNERS.**

**WATERFRONT EVENTS: DAVE C DISCUSSED A PLAN TO LIGHT UP LAKE MASSAPOAG FOR THE WATERFRONT CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30PM TO 10:00PM TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: A CONCERT AT MEMORIAL PARK BEACH; A LIGHTED BOAT PARAD BY THE MASSAPOAG YACHT CLUB ON LAKE MASSAPOAG; TIKI LIGHTS SCATTERED AROUND THE LAKE PROPERTIES; A MINI FIREWORKS DISPLAY. THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO WORK THIS EVENT SPONSORED SHARON CREDIT UNION AND CVS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR COMMITTEE. THE SHARON ROTARY CLUB WILL ALSO COLLECT FOOD ON THIS EVENING THAT WILL LIGHT UP THE FOOD PANTRY.**

**SHARON COMMUNITY TV: TV SHOWS ABOUT EVENTS SCHEDULED DURING THE SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION. THE NEXT TWO SHOWS ON AUGUST 12 WILL BE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SHARON FIRST DAY, THE MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL AND THE PARADE PLANS.**

**RECOMMENDATION: A LETTER WAS READ FROM PAUL REMY REGARDING SUPPORT FOR A MURAL, HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT AT JABBERWOCKY CAMP. (UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED)**

**SHARON HAS TALENT: SARAH WINDMAN, CO CHAIR OF “SHARON HAS TALENT” GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON HER PLANS FOR THIS EVENT. (A TAKE ON AMERICA HAS TALENT). HOWEVER, A SERIES OF AUDITIONS WOULD BE A MUST IN ORDER TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO ENTERTAIN. JUDGES WOULD ALSO BE SELECTED AND A FEE WOULD ONLY BE CHARGED ONLY FOR THE FINAL SHOW. DAVE SUGGESTED**

**THAT SARAH PUT SOME GUIDELINES TOGETHER FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. HOW ABOUT USING THE CAFETERIA AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TO INCLUDE A FOOD FAIR WITH DIFFERENT ETHNIC FOODS DURING INTERMISSION?**

**A MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH SARAH, LINDA, JOE AND DAVE TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE TALENT SHOW.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10PM**

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27, 2014 – COMMUNITY CENTER**

**THANK YOU: ROBERTA SAPHIRE FOR TAKING SOME NOTES FOR THE MEETING**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
DAVID I. CLIFTON**

