

TOWN OF SHARON
250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2014



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: SELECTMAN JOE ROACH, DAVE CLIFTON, SUE ZANDROW, SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD, BOB WEEKS, CAROLYN WEEKS, STEVE LESCO, SARAH WINDMAN, MIKE MOLYNEUX, LINDA TRACEY-CLIFTON, JERRY SAPHIRE, CHRIS DOHERTY, HOLLY LITE, BOB LEVIN, RICK SCHANTZ, ROBERT SOFFER, SUSAN BERG, & JYUTSNA GOEL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00PM

WELCOME: GENERAL CO-CHAIR DAVE CLIFTON (CO-CHAIR JOE ROACH WAS DELAYED DUE TO SELECTMEN'S MEETING)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: 18

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER: SUSAN BERG

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 29TH MEETING: A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED - THE MINUTES WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED WITH TWO CHANGES!

GOOD NEWS: THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED A DONATION CHECK FOR \$10,000.00 FROM HERB CHAMBERS DEALERSHIP. THE SHARON TRIATHLON WILL BE RE-NAMED IN MEMORY OF BOD SONDHEIM DURING THE 2015 TRIATHLON EVENT.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: DAVE CLIFTON BROUGHT THE COMMITTEE UP-TO-DATE ON THE FUNDS RAISED THUS FAR FOR THE CELEBRATION - WE ARE STILL WAITING ON A NUMBER OR MAJOR SPONSORS TO CONFIRM THEIR DONATIONS!

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED: SOMEONE SUGGESTED THAT WE CONTACT THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB AT THE SCHOOL TO TAKE

PHOTOS OF THE ENTIRE CELEBRATION. THE TOWN PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WAS ALSO SUGGESTED! CONTACTS WILL BE MADE

SELECTMEN'S MEETING: DAVE CLIFTON ANNOUNCED THAT THE SHARON 250TH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 22ND AT 7:30PM TO DISCUSS THE CELEBRATION PLANS THUS FAR.

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

SHARON FIRST DAY 250 EVENT: BOB LEVIN, CHAIR OF THE SHARON FIRST DAY CELEBRATION ON GAVE A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE PLANS FOR JANUARY 1, 2015 IN THE SHARON CENTER FROM 4-8PM. HE ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- REMAX HOT AIR BALLOON
- TWO ICE SCULPTURES AT \$300.00 EACH (ONE IN FRONT OF LIBRARY AND THE EASTERN BANK)
- BALLDROP AT 8:00PM – FIRE CHIEF INVOLVEMENT WITH LADDER TRUCK
- MUSIC – REFRESHMENTS
- DEEJAY
- DREDSOX – LOCAL BAND
- USE OF TWO CHURCHES – UNITARIAN CHURCH & FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SETUP THE HOTAIR BALLOON
- PROJECTED BUDGET \$5,000.00

ADDITIONAL FIRST DAY INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING! DAVE & JOE WILL SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH BOB AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE TOWN CENTER.

STATUS OF THE POLE BANNERS: HOLLY LITE GAVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE SALE OF BANNERS. HOLLY ANNOUNCED THAT MOST OF THE 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. JOE ROACH WILL KEEP US UPDATED ON THE UPCOMING DECISION.

PARADE ROUTE: IT'S OFFICIAL! THE MIDDLE OF THE STREETS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE WILL BE PAINTED RED, WHITE & BLUE FOR THE 2015 CELEBRATION.

RING ALL THE CHURCH BELLS: WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCHES, A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO RING ALL THE CHURCH BELLS FOR THE COMBINED TOTAL OF 250 TIMES ON JANUARY 1, 2015 BEGINNING AT 5:00PM. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

250TH ANNIVERSARY BALL: IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIR RALPH GENERAZZO, A FLYER WITH SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE ANNIVERSARY BALL WAS PASSED TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

MAILING TO RESIDENTS: STILL COUNTING ON TREASURER BILL FOWLER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAIL A LETTER/SCHEDULE TO THE RESIDENTS. BILL RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE TOWN AS THE FINANCE DIRECTOR.

SECRETARY APPOINTED: A SECRETARY FOR THE SHARON 250TH COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN HER DUTIES IN JULY OF 2014. SHE WILL REPLACE LINDA MORSE WHO HAS RETIRED FROM THE TOWN.

SHARON COMMUNITY TV: TWO TV SHOWS ON THE SHARON 250TH SCREENED AT THE SHARON STUDIO AND MODERATED BY DAVE & JOE TOOK PLACE STARTING LAST MONTH AND WILL CONTINUE EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT EACH EVENT PLANNED FOR 2015. THE NEXT TWO SHOWS IN JULY WILL BE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SHARON FIRST DAY AND THE MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/ MARKETING COMMITTEE: REPORTS FROM PR CO-CHAIRS BOB WEEKS AND SUE ZANDROW TOOK PLACE! BOB ANNOUNCED THAT BARRY JORDAN WILL BE GETTING ESTIMATES ON WRIST BANDS TO BE PASSED OUT TO THE SHARON STUDENTS AND FACULTY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE SHARON 250TH. THE SUPT OF SCHOOLS TIM FARMER GAVE HIS OKAY ON THIS PROJECT. BOB SHOWED THE COMMITTEE THE FINAL CHANGE IN THE COIN THAT WILL BE PURCHASED FOR THE CELEBRATION. A CHECK WAS CUT FOR THE COINS ON FRIDAY JUNE 27TH.

SHARON HAS TALENT: SARAH WINDMAN, CO CHAIR OF “SHARON HAS TALENT” GAVE AN ENERGETIC REPORT ON HER PLANS FOR THIS EVENT. (A TAKE ON AMERICA HAS TALENT) MOST OF THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT A FINAL “SHARON HAS TALENT” EVENT FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WITH A DRESS REHEARSAL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS THE WAY TO GO. 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. SOMEONE AFTER THE MEETING SUGGESTED THAT WE USE THE CAFETERIA AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL TO HAVE A FOOD FAIR WITH DIFFERENT ETHNIC FOODS DURING INTERMISSION.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT ON ANNIVERSARY BOOK: SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD GAVE A REPORT ON THE PLANS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK WHICH WILL DESCRIBE THE EVENTS OF THE SHARON 250TH AS WELL AS THE HISTORY OF THE PAST 250 YEARS. RIGHT NOW THE GOAL IS TO MEET WITH PRINTERS, GET COSTS, DECIDE ON HOW MANY BOOKS TO PRINT AND DECIDE ON THE SIZE OF THE BOOK. BOB SOFFER ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION. YES, A FEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR ANYONE PURCHASING EACH BOOK. SUSAN BERG STATED THAT FOLKS ARE MUCH MORE WILLING TO BUY A BOOK IF SOME BRIEF HISTORY IS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:05PM

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY JULY 30, 2014 – COMMUNITY CENTER

THANK YOU: ROBERTA SAPHIRE FOR TAKING SOME OF THE MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DAVID I. CLIFTON**

