

**TOWN OF SHARON**  
**250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**SHARON TOWN HALL**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2014**



**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: SELECTMAN JOE ROACH, DAVE CLIFTON, BILL FOWLER, SUE ZANDROW, SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD, BOB WEEKS, CAROLYN WEEKS, STEVE LESCO, SARAH WINDMAN, BETH LACONTE, TED PHILLIPS, BARRY FIREMAN, LAURA ROSENSPAN, LT JOHN FORD, MARLENE CHUSED, LINDA TRACEY-CLIFTON, DALE THISTLE, JERRY SAPHIRE, DAVE MARTIN, LUPA RAYNUS, CHRIS DOHERTY, RALPH GENERAZZO, HOLLY LITE, MITCH BLAUSTEIN, RICH GORDEN, BARRY JORDAN & LINDA GRENON**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00PM**

**WELCOME: GENERAL CO-CHAIRS JOE ROACH & DAVE CLIFTON ANNOUNCED THAT FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN A FACILITY THAT IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: 27**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: LINDA GRENON, DALE THISTLE & BARRY JORDAN**

**APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: A MOTION WAS MADE, IT WAS SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT CHRIS DOHERTY TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE!**

**FUNDRAISING REPORT: DAVE CLIFTON BROUGHT THE COMMITTEE UP-TO-DATE ON THE FUNDS RAISED THUS FAR FOR THE CELEBRATION – APPROXIMATELY \$146,000.00 – A BREAKDOWN WAS PASSED OUT TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

**STATUS OF THE POLE BANNERS: MITCH BLAUSTEIN AND HOLLY LITE WERE PRESENT TO GIVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE SALE OF BANNERS. MITCH ANNOUNCED THAT A TOTAL OF 64 BANNERS WERE SOLD AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GOAL OF SELLING 83 WILL BE REACHED. JOE ROACH STATED THAT HE WILL CHECK WITH VERIZON AND INSTAR IN ORDER TO GET APPROVAL TO USE THE TELEPHONE POLES ON THE MAIN STREETS AS WELL AS POND STREET – THIS WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELL EXTRA BANNERS BUT WE MUST GET APPROVAL FIRST.**

**PARADE ROUTE: A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO PAINT A MAROON STRIP IN BETWEEN THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE ON MAIN STREET AND POND STREET – MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. HOWEVER, WE MUST RUN THIS BY THE SELECTMEN IF WE INTEND TO PAINT THE STREET.**

**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.**

**250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BALL: RALPH GENERAZZO, CHAIR OF THE BALL GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON THE ANNIVERSARY BALL SCHEDULED ON JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT THE HERB CHAMBERS DEALERSHIP. HIS COMMITTEE MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS: HIRE MORIN CATERERS, CHARGE \$75.00 PER COUPLE FOR THE BLACK TIE/OPTIONAL AND HIRE TWO CHARTER BUSES FOR \$600. 00 EACH IN ORDER TO TRANSPORT THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND DUE TO LIMITED PARKING.**

**MAILING TO RESIDENTS: TREASURER BILL FOWLER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAIL A LETTER/SCHEDULE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.**

**PARADE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRS STEVE LESCO AND JOE ROACH GAVE A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE GIANT PARADE, THE ROUTE AND THE EXPECTATIONS. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE PARADE SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>. THE PARADE ROUTE GOES FROM DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK TO MAIN ST TO POND ST TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND MEMORIAL PARK BEACH. A REVIEW STAND WILL BE SET-UP IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL.**

**SECRETARY NEEDED: JOE ROACH REMINDED THE GROUP THAT A SECRETARY IS STILL NEEDED TO REPLACE THE RETIRING LINDA MORSE.**

**BORDERLAND STATE PARK EVENT: DALE THISTLE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE PARK AND THE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE. HE WILL KEEP THE COMMITTEE POSTED ON THE PLANS AS THEY DEVELOP.**

**SHARON COMMUNITY TV: A SERIES OF TV SHOWS AT THE STUDIO ON THE SHARON 250TH WILL TAKE PLACE STARTING JUNE 5, 2014 IN ORDER TO LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT EACH EVENT PLANNED FOR 2015. THE SHOW WILL BE MODERATED BY THE GENERAL CO-CHAIRS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AND ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE AT DIFFERENT TIMES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE EACH EVENT.**

**MUSIC & ART FESTIVAL: LAURA ROSENSPAN TALKED ABOUT THE EXCITING PLANS FOR THE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON APRIL 12 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH LOTS OF COOPERATION FROM THE SHARON CREATIVE ARTS ASSOCIATION. LAURA ALSO READ A LETTER FROM PAUL REMY WITH SOME WONDERFUL SUGGESTIONS ENDORSED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

**FAMILY WEEK: THE FAMILY WEEK CELEBRATION WAS MOVED ON THE SCHEDULE TO OCTOBER 5-10, 2015 WITH THE FAMILY BON-FIRE AT MEMORIAL PARK BEACH ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ MARKETING COMMITTEE: REPORTS FROM PR CO-CHAIRS BOB WEEKS AND SUE ZANDROW TOOK PLACE! BOB GOT SUPPORT TO ORDER 500 SPECIAL COINS WITH ADDITIONAL ORDERS AS THE NEED DEVELOPS. THE COST WILL BE \$1,200.00 TO BE A GIFT AT THE ANNIVERSARY BALL AND SOLD AT OTHER FUNCTIONS. SUE TALKED ABOUT PROMOTING THE CELEBRATION AND ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS AND PRIORITIES TO WRITE ABOUT.**

**FACEBOOK PAGE: LINDA TRACEY-CLIFTON STARTED A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION AND INVITES COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA!**

**SHARON HAS TALENT COMMITTEE: BETH LACONTE & SARAH WINDMAN WERE APPOINTED TO THIS COMMITTEE.**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT ON ANNIVERSARY BOOK: SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD GAVE A REPORT ON 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. 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.**

**SHIRLEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN LATE JUNE, A WALKING TOUR ON APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AND AN OPEN HOUSE DURING FAMILY WEEK.**

**STATE CONTRIBUTION: TED PHILLIPS FROM REP KAFKA'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF A \$50,000.00 DONATION TOWARDS THE CELEBRATION. IT GOT APPROVED BY THE HOUSE, THE SENATE AND SITS ON THE GOVERNORS DESK FOR APPROVAL.**

**SHARON FIRST DAY: A DISCUSSION BY BOB LEVIN FOR THE NEXT MEETING IN JUNE!**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00PM**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**DAVID I. CLIFTON**

