

**TOWN OF SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER  
(SHARON ADULT CENTER DOWNSTAIRS)**



**MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: SELECTMAN JOE ROACH, DAVE CLIFTON, ,  
SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD, BOB WEEKS, PAUL REMY, CAROLYN WEEKS,  
DAN SIRKIN, STEVE LESCO, BOB LEVIN, PAUL BERGERON, LINDA  
SALON, LOUIS MODESTINO JR, ROSEMARY MAZZAFERRO, JANA  
KATZ, KURT BUERMANN, VERA JORDAN, BETH HOKE, AMANDA  
LEVASSEUR, CHRIS DOHERTY, DON BREWER, DEPUTY CHIEF TILDEN  
KAUFMAN**

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

**TOTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: 21**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: ROSEMARIE MAZZAFERRO, KURT  
BUERMANN, JANA KATZ, TILDEN KAUFMAN**

**TREASURERS REPORT: IN THE ABSENCE OF TREASURER BILL  
FOWLER, THE REPORT WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING**

**REVIEWED & APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 30TH MEETING  
AS MAILED TO THE COMMITTEE**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: DAVE CLIFTON REPORTED THAT THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET WITH THE SHARON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
ON SEPTEMBER 17TH IN ORDER TO GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE  
PLANS FOR THE CELEBRATION. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WAS  
EXCITED ABOUT THE CELEBRATION PLANS AND EXPRESSED THEIR  
FULL SUPPORT**

**FUNDRAISING REPORT: DAVE CLIFTON PRESENTED TWO ADDITIONAL  
CHECKS TO THE COMMITTEE FROM SPONSORS OF THE  
CELEBRATION. DAVE STATED THAT WE HAVE REACHED \$150,000 AS**

**OF THIS DATE - OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$200,000 FOR THE CELEBRATION.**

**STATUS OF THE POLE BANNERS: JOE ROACH GAVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE SALE OF POLE BANNERS- A TOTAL OF 81 BANNERS WERE SOLD AND WE NOW HAVE 10 ADDITIONAL LIGHT POLES AT THE BRIDGE ON DEPOT STREET WHICH WILL GIVE US A LIMIT OF 91 BANNER LOCATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE PERMISSIOM TO USE THE VERIZON AND INSTAR TELEPHONE POLES TO HANG BANNERS. WE WILL REPLACE THE DAMAGED BANNERS DURING THE ADVERTISING YEAR, IF NECESSARY. SIGNARAMA WILL HAVE A WARRANTY FOR THE HARDWARE, BUT NOT THE BANNERS ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT HAD A REQUEST FROM ANY TOWN THUS FAR TO REPACE A BANNER – IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A MAJOR STORM.**

**SHARON FIRST DAY EVENT: BOB LEVIN GAVE A REPORT ON THE PLANS FOR THE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> EVENT TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CENTER OF TOWN BEGINNING AT 4:00PM. THE SQUARE WILL BE BLOCKED OFF BY DPW & POLICE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**

**ICE SCULPTURE – REMAX HOT AIR BALLOON – DISC JOCKEY – MAGIC SHOW – RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS – ILLUMINATION CEREMONY – DRED SOX MUSICAL PERFORMANCE – REFRESHMENTS – VENUES OPEN AT THE FIRST CONGREGATION CHURCH AND THE UNITARIAN CHURCH**

**FINAL PLANS ARE STILL UNDERWAY – IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MORE ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR CHILDREN.**

**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>**

**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**

**SOMETHING TO REMEMBER THE SHARON 250TH: CHRIS DOHERTY PRESENTED SOME IDEAS AND WAYS TO REMEMBER THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE TOWN OF SHARON (1765-2015). HE**

**TALKED ABOUT AN ENGRAVED PLAQUE ON A ROCK, ON A BUILDING, AT A FLAG POLE, PLANTING OF A TREE. DAVE SUGGESTED THAT WE ALSO CONSIDER A CEREMONY ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE JUNE 21 TO BURY A CANISTER UNDERGROUND WITH SIGNS OF THE TIMES TODAY AND DIG UP THE SITE WITH A CEREMONY AT THE 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. WE WILL HAVE MORE DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**WRIST BANDS: BARRY JORDAN, THE EXPERT ON WRIST BANDS GAVE A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE DONATED WRIST BANDS TO THE SCHOOLS. THE DONATION WILL PROVIDE WRIST BANDS FOR THE STUDENTS AND THE ENTIRE STAFF AT ALL THE SCHOOLS. BARRY WILL DO SOME ADDITIONAL HOMEWORK BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING.**

**PHOTOGRAPHERS: LOUIS MODESTINO WILL COORDINATE THE PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER ALL EVENTS DURING THE YEAR ROUND CELEBRATION. HE HAS CONTACTED THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE CONTACT ANN FORD AS WELL!**

**PLURISM: BETH HOKE AND VERA JORDAN GAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE PURPOSE OF PLURISM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**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: THE NEXT TV SHOW ABOUT EVENTS OF THE 250<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN OCTOBER. JOE & DAVE WILL TALK WITH BOB LEVIN ABOUT THE FIRST EVENT OF 2015 – SHARON FIRST DAY**

**COD RECOMMENDATION: A LETTER WAS READ BY JANA KATZ FOR CHAIRMAN PAUL REMY REGARDING THE COMMISSION SELLING SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> TEESHIRTS AND USING THE FUNDS FOR A CAUSE. THE MURAL IDEA IS NO LONGER ON THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMISSION. SELECTMEN JOE ROACH STATED THAT FUNDRAISING FOR OTHER CAUSES OTHER THAN THE CELEBRATION SHOULD GO THROUGH THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND NOT THE TOWN OF SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY. OTHER OPTIONS WILL BE PERSUED BY THE COD.**

**ROTARY CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS: MIKE MOLYNEAU OF THE ROTARY CLUB DISCUSSED HOW HIS CLUB WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE SHARON 250<sup>TH</sup>. MIKE TALKED ABOUT SUPPORTING THE FOOD PANTRY IN THE AREA BY HAVING RESIDENTS BRING CANNED FOODS TO THE WATERFRONT EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 19. THE CLUB OF COURSE WOULD HANDLE THE COLLECTING AND TRANSPORT TO THE FOOD PANTRY. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT A LONG RANGE PLAN OUTDOORS AT THE SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY. THE ROTARIANS ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE AS WELL.**

**FRIENDS OF CONSERVATION REPORT: KURT BUERMANN GAVE A REPORT ON THE PLANS OF THE FRIENDS OF CONSERVATION TO HAVE A NUMBER OF WALKS AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR. HE WILL SUBMIT THE IDEAS IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00PM**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**DAVID I. CLIFTON  
GENERAL CO-CHAIR**

