

1 **DRAFT** MINUTES

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3 2025_March 20_Tricentennial Committee

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5 Members present: Naomi Scanlon, Mark Stevens, Sam Papps, Bob Scarponi, Bill Adams, Scott Doherty, Christian
6 Evans, Teresa Wyman, Heidi Southard, Beth Blair

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9 **OLD BUSINESS**

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11 Review February 20th meeting minutes

12 Mark Stevens moves the minutes / Bob Scarponi Seconded / Minutes OK'd by all

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14 Elect co-chair – introduce Heidi Southard

15 Heidi Southard was introduced to the committee by Naomi. Heidi has lived in Canterbury since 2014 on Clough
16 Pond Road, is retired, loves to craft and sells her crafts at “Xmas at Clough Tavern.” She wants to actively
17 participate in the community by volunteering and Naomi suggested she check out the TriC committee. After a
18 brief discussion, Bill Adams makes a motion that Heidi be nominated as co-chair of the TriC committee. Scott
19 seconds. All are enthusiastically in favor!

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21 Clarification of Committee’s position with Historical Society

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23 Naomi attended the last meeting of the Historical Society. They wholeheartedly accepted TriC as a
24 subcommittee. Erin Meagher (treasurer TriC) and Mary Ann Winograd (treasurer HS) will work together to take
25 care of organizing banking protocols. Mary Ann gave her contact info to Mark Stevens to pass along to Erin so
26 they can get started.

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28 It was noted that Naomi and Fred Brewster (President of the HS) made a short presentation at Town Meeting on
29 March 14 letting the assembled residents know that the HS and TriC would be working together and asking for
30 ideas and support. Their presentation was well received. TriC surveys were available at Town Meeting on chairs
31 and at a table in the back of the gym.

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33 Results of “Wish List” questions passed out at Town Meeting

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- Challenge coin

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36 Additional Ideas/Comments from the Committee:

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- Arnie Alpert spoke to Teresa about speaking about people who were here before Canterbury was founded. Evan wants to present to the Town the idea of creating some sort of “Land Acknowledgement.” Evan will draft a presentation and appear at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.
 - Scavenger Hunt (perhaps based on 2006 hunt that the HS did)
 - Taste of Canterbury (community supper featuring local food such as corn, syrup, produce, locally baked bread, “1727” ale brewed by Steve Allman)
 - Poster -- Houses of Canterbury (based on poster “Barns of Canterbury” that HS did)
 - Bill has logo idea hand picking apple (will show us the art at a later time)
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- 46 • Bob wants to send out letter to all the groups in town to invite them to submit their ideas. He
47 feels music should be a big part. The letter that was on top of survey presented at Town
48 Meeting could be used as the invitation. John feels a deadline would be helpful – ask invitees to
49 reply by end of May.
- 50 • Beth will put letter from Town meeting in April newsletter
- 51 • Quilters expressed a strong interest in creating a TriC quilt.
- 52 • Bob asks “can we get funding to get NH symphony to do a special performance?” Maybe ask
53 Kathy Southworth if she might have a contact with NHS.
- 54 • Teresa – would ask Jay Unger and Molly Mason who wrote “.....Farewell” but might be too
55 expensive
- 56 • Contact Northfield and Loudon Historical Societies as both Towns used to be part of Canterbury.
- 57 • Can we get a proclamation from the governor? We could have a TriC sponsored event with the
58 presentation.
- 59 • Mark says he works better alone, and wants to focus on planning the Time Capsule and writing
60 history.
- 61 • Heidi // her friend is an art teacher. She has done projects where she gives kids tiles to decorate.
62 Maybe we could do similar and make a mosaic //
- 63 • Question: Are there 300 veterans in Town? Evan speaks up...could we find veterans of past wars
64 ? Mark says there is a list of veterans that is used to place flags in the Town cemeteriesBeth
65 suggests designing a special flag to put on graves in addition to the USA flag ...maybe create a
66 big version to hang throughout the center of Canterbury during all of 2027?
- 67 • Heidi, maybe plant 300 daffodils? The Garden Club should be asked if they are interested in this.
68 Note: they should plant bulbs in 2026 so they will bloom in 2027.
- 69 • Heidi asks about fundraising -- what can we sell? The committee chimed in with ideas we have
70 previously presented: pewter ornaments, Tshirts, posters, decals, etc. Many of these depend on
71 choosing a logo first.
- 72 • Heidi volunteers to investigate grants. Bill Adams offers that he will ask Fred Brewster to
73 possibly approach Canterbury Shaker Village grant writers?
- 74 • Heidi’s cousin has cannon as he is a civil war reenactor. Discussion about how the Canterbury
75 Fair used to be opened by firing a cannon!
- 76 • Naomi questions “Do we want Business sponsors on back of Tshirts?” We need further
77 discussion on this.
- 78 • One Room School House committee – contact Mark Stevens, Dale Casewell, or ??? Gingrich.
- 79 • Special TriC car license plates – Sam will find out the how to’s.
- 80 • Scott – Art contest at the school is in process.
- 81 • Contact Mike Tuersi about asking kids in HS and MS (Evan says ask Mr. Russell the librarian at
82 the HS) and the Honor Society / Diploma of distinction students
- 83 • Evan will come up with ideas for “young people things.”
- 84 • Evan showed information from the Woburn Hist Soc in MASS “History Tour Tricentennial”

- 85 • Naomi asks about doing a substantial and lasting memorial ? Sam suggested granite benches
86 around the fire pond (maybe Swenson Granite could sponsor, donate a bench).
87 • Concerning the TriC logo? Bob feels strongly that we should solicit ideas for logo to get the
88 community involved. Beth will put 3 designs in the April newsletter with “choose which one you
89 like or submit your own”
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91 New Business

- 92 • We need to set up a TriC Gmail account, figure out how we might be included on the HS web
93 page, and figure out how to best create a TriC FB page and who will be the admin for that.
94 • Contact Alan Stone who does the Website for the Historical Society. He sent his contact info to
95 Naomi and Heidi.
96 • Naomi will do a monthly update to post on our page
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99 • We need to form subcommittees and define their duties. Much more discussion needed on
100 these points, but subcommittees suggested are:
101 -- Publicity (of events)
102 -- Marketing (sales of commemorative items)
103 -- Volunteer coordinator
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105 **NEXT MEETING DATE SET: Thursday, April 24th, 7pm, Meeting House**

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107 Motion by Scott to adjourn, all in favor. Meeting closed at 8:20pm
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