

Meeting Notes -Canterbury, NH Tricentennial Committee

Thursday, July 16, 2026 -Meetinghouse 7PM

Meeting Opened: 7:03PM

Attendees: Jennifer, Naomi, Heidi, Scott, Mark, Bob, Bill, Erin, Evan, Teresa, Jeff Leidinger and Ruth Smith

Adrienne Hutchinson joined via Zoom

Approval of Minutes

- June meeting minutes were approved by Motion – Teresa abstained since she was on Zoom during the meeting

Guest Discussion

- Jeff Leidinger - Old House Tour
 - The Old House Tours would occur on Saturday, June 19, 2027 (rain date Sunday, June 20, 2027)
 - 2 Tours – AM: 9AM -12PM and PM: 1PM – 4PM with a mix of site and interior location
 - AM Tour to include (Crofton, McGraw, Kerwin/Lepesqueur, Winograd, Leidinger, Fox, Meeh, Lamb, Birdsey & Coty) Either the homeowners or a Historical Society member will give an overview of the properties.
 - PM Tour to include (Conley, Crow, Papps, Kimball, Blanchard Tavern, Cohen, Moore Properties, Mann, Baker, Scanlon & Plisko)
 - The tours will try to provide a mixture of the style /architecture of the homes that were prevalent
 - Propose \$50 for one group tour/\$100 for both tours with lunch included (box lunch or coupon to the Canterbury Café). Lunch will be in the Center – either the gazabo or Town Hall
 - A bus will be available with wheelchair accessibility/ will have Port-a-Potty (wheelchair accessible)
 - The tour groups are designed to be efficient to both those participating in the tour and the homeowners. A booklet, with a map will be provided as well.
 - Registration by phone or online. It will be first, come first, served for the available slots (68 available slots)

- All participants will need to provide name, address, phone for security purposes
 - The overall costs will be covered and no funds are needed from the Tricentennial subcommittee
 - The discussion is open regarding any profits – anticipated to turn a profit from both the tours and the selling of the booklet.
 - A similar Old House Tour was conducted 25 years ago and was a success
 - Advertisement to be in the Town newsletter & Concord Monitor
 - **The subcommittee requested Jeff come back closer to the date for an additional update.**
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- Ruth Smith – New Merchandise Idea
 - Commemorative glass proposed -Steve is creating a commemorative beer but not a glass
 - The subcommittee looked at a few samples – etching or overlay
 - The glasses could sell from \$15-\$19
 - Ruth will look further into where/how much to produce the glass
 - The question is what would be on the glass – the Canterbury seal was discussed
 - **The subcommittee agreed they like the idea and are supportive of Ruth doing more homework. The subcommittee provided Project form to Ruth.**

Co-Chair Report

Secretary

- Introduced Jennifer Weberski as the new Secretary. **Motion to approve passed.**

Insurance Update

- No new updates on the insurance.

Coins & Stickers

- The website is now capable for the purchase of the coins and stickers.

Treasurer's Report

- We have 20 shirts that were purchased for sale at the Canterbury Fair
- Erin did update the Budget to reflect the Donations and 300 Club. Erin's idea is to look at sponsors for particular events and the 300 Club would be Donations across

the Tricentennial subcommittee as a whole – general idea is as a Club member they would receive recognition and items (such as a tree, dance tickets, etc.)

- For the larger events, such as the softball game to have sponsorships
- The Donation/300 Club discussion was what kind of swag would be included to entice 300 Club participation. Discussed providing Early Access registration as one of the enticements.
- The 300 Club still needs to be thought out because subcommittee needs an idea of the fee for the events so that the enticements are economically feasible
- The subcommittee discussed which events should have a charge – if the participant is receiving a good (dinner) then have a charge but if it is more community event (derby) then no charge
- The subcommittee discussed putting the idea of the 300 Club out at the Canterbury Fair – Early Access, swag, discount(s). At the Fair could have a coin, sticker, license plate hold, glass hold – will ring a bell for each sign up. **The subcommittee Motioned and approved the establishment of the 300 Club with Erin as lead.**

Project Reports

Canterbury Fair

- Reach out to Heidi if the currently assigned timeslot for your table time needs to be adjusted

Calendar & Budget

- The subcommittee reviewed the Calendar of Proposed events with the Budget implications:
 - New Year's Eve - \$200
 - New Year Day – sledding, bonfire (bring your X-mas tree) discussed - further discussion needed
 - Time Machine Movie – January 23rd at CES Gym – red carpet, actors in costume, popcorn/drinks, merchandise, program - \$2000 – good event for sponsorship
 - Dances – discussion of having a Dudley Laufman Memorial Dance or a song in his honor; Civil War era dance; 50's era - \$500
 - Library Lecture Series – could sell merchandise - \$0 Budget
 - Town Meeting – sing the Tricentennial Song – put in the book that is passed out at the Meeting - \$0 Budget
 - Tricentennial Trivia Night & Pizza Party – partner with the Library

- Chichester and Loudon are interested in Trivia night/Pie Contest (could do the Pie on 3/14)
- The Sheep Shearling will include a Tricentennial element but not be a Tricentennial event – sell merchandise - \$0 Budget
- Maple Syrup Weekend – Bill will look further into
- Architectural Lecture with Elkins - \$0 Budget
- Arbor Day – 300 Trees
- Commemoration Day on May 29th - \$750 Budget for brochures, tour guide gear, advertisement, flags, fife & drum, quilt framed (\$2000) and hung in Elkins Library, plaque marker, Time Capsule – sign the logbook, show what is inside
- Fishing Derby – hold it prior to May 29th - \$800, sponsorship opportunity
- Time Capsule Ceremony – Budget?
- Softball Game- \$875
- Encore of the Time Machine Movie - \$0 Budget but sell popcorn/merchandise
- Harvest Dinner – still need ownership
- Canterbury Players Revival -\$500
- Canterbury Tales - \$0 Budget
- Need to discuss a closing event
- Review the Idea categories of the Projects that still need to be fleshed out more

Other

- Flyers at Smokehouse, where else?
- Will conduct a survey at the Canterbury Fair for how much people will pay
- The Elkins Library will have 4 posters through the year at 3 month increments

New Business – August 20th Agenda Items

- Purpose for Raising Money Messaging
- Group Picture

Motion to Adjourn approved – Adjourned at 8:57PM