

Meeting Notes -Canterbury, NH Tricentennial Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2026 -Meetinghouse 7PM

Meeting Opened: 7:03PM

Attendees: Jennifer, Heidi, Scott, Mark, Bill, and Naomi

Evan & Teresa joined via Zoom

Approval of Minutes

- July meeting minutes were approved by Motion by Scott and 2nd by Mark.

Co-Chair Report

- **2027 Calendar Review**
 - Discussion to post it publicly on Facebook and begin promoting throughout the community. Group reviewed the proposed events and dates:
 - Teresa is looking at a Dance for 2/7 that would honor Dudley
 - The Canterbury Quest will begin in March – Tabitha will help and is contacting other helpers
 - Will speak with the Town Moderator regarding the singing of the song
 - Mark discussed that the Fishing Derby has made progress over the last month with sponsors, pond locations and fish (300 pounds)
 - Partner with Shaker Village for Pie Baking contest – on Pi Day (3/14)
 - Naomi will be the contact for Maple Weekend – March
 - Mark is working with Rachel for the Trivia Challenge & Pizza – April
 - For the tree project – the idea is the first 3 trees will be planted by the Select Board, at CES and at Shaker Village with the remaining given to CES students and others to be planted and a photo of the planting provided for inclusion in the time capsule
 - For the Tricentennial, Heidi submit a request for the Governor to come, Mark has found a horse and rider in costume, Teresa is working on either bagpipes or a fife & drum. Ray Craggle is willing to help with music as well. He is looking at a Civil War reenactment band (25 piece band performing in Belmont next week). The group decided not to have fireworks at the May event. Should have a group devoted to planning out the day.

- Mark recommends an introduction to the Time Capsule in January/February to help gather items and promote the event
- The subcommittee doesn't have an event for July 4th but the Friends of Canterbury has discussed having a Tricentennial spin (Doris)
- The softball game is tentatively scheduled for August – subject to weather. Dale is working on the softball game.
 - Insurance is still an issue for events
- Teresa is looking at a Harvest Dance – Civil War period that could be coupled with a Harvest Dinner.
- Bob & Sam will do the Canterbury Players Revival
- Teresa will pursue a Holiday Dance & Concert. Bill recommends a close out to thank everyone involved in Tricentennial planning/events.

The group agreed to publish the Calendar and begin promotion.

- **Canterbury Fair – Survey Results**

- 77 people surveyed, which is down from last year's 108 participants
- Learnings from this year's survey:
 1. Canterbury Quest – popular idea, so we're adding it to the calendar (74%)
 2. Walking Tour – confirmed it will be popular (70%)
 3. Harvest Dinner Pricing – “up to \$25” the most popular - and clearly nothing over \$50!
 4. Music Events Pricing – \$10 or \$25 max
 5. Contests – Pie Baking was tops with Old Fashioned Games right behind
 6. Fishing – solid results for kids and adults (some double counting there)
 7. Trivia – in the top three – so worth doing

Treasurer's Report

- Approximately \$513 at the Canterbury Fair
- Approximately \$125 from the T-shirt shop
- Naomi discussed that we need to be prepared for what will be charged for items – someone asked for a Movie poster and donated \$40 for a copy
- There are open questions for the **Finance Subcommittee** – how do we recognize donations.
- **Subcommittee Planning**
 - Suggested subcommittees with assignments are:
 - **Fundraising Subcommittee**

- Sponsors/Donors – Heidi created a list for Sponsorship Opportunities that we can bring to the Donor group that helps to partner donors with those seeking sponsorship. The Sponsorship Opportunity list can be used to help approach local sponsors and others who have expressed interest.
- Discuss/review “Story” for Sponsors – can use the 300 Club as the “story” / enticement for approaching sponsors.
- Set a day/time to meet & share status
- **Town Funding – Warrant Article Research / Writing**
 - Scott has his first meeting with the Budget Committee on Monday, August 24th. Someone needs to be at the meeting to present and answer any questions that arise.
 - There was a discussion of how much could be a reasonable ask for the Town.
 - Scott reviewed the process of Budgeting for the Town. The Budget Committee will provide a suggestion to the Town. There needs to be bottom line and what the money will be used for. Scott and Heidi were discussing both the use of a Warrant Article and through the Budget. There should be a discussion of what should be in the Budget and what should be in a Warrant Article. The money from the Town Budget/Warrant Article will need to be tracked – what happens to remaining money not spent.
- **Merchandising & Sales**
 - Online Event Management – how, sign-ups, RSVPs, who tracks, etc.
 - Review what, where, how we’re selling (operations)
 - Strategy to support Selling at Events – Farmer’s Market & events next year

New Business – September 17th Agenda Items

- Group Picture

Motion to Adjourn approved – Adjourned at 8:22PM