

Meeting Notes -Canterbury, NH Tricentennial Committee

Thursday, September 17, 2026 -Meetinghouse 7PM

Meeting Opened: Approximately 7:05PM

Attendees: Heidi, Scott, Mark, Bill, Erin, Evan, Teresa and Naomi

Approval of Minutes

- August meeting minutes were **approved by Motion** by Scott and seconded by Bill. Erin abstained.

Treasurer's Report

- The report was circulated and the inventory of T-shirts sold needs to be updated along with merchandise. The report was **approved by Motion** of Mark and seconded by Scott.

Carriage Shed Project Proposal Discussion

- Discussion of the shed proposal that would come with a \$20,000 donation from Steve Fifield. The shed was proposed to be akin to the sheds that were in the Center prior to the 1943 Fire. The group was formed with the Librarian, Historical society members and individuals that would be able to provide background historical information on the size, build of the shed. It would be a five bay shed to be useful – for both use and storage.
- The shed could be used during the Canterbury Fair and used for town for events. The shed could be located north of the library.
- The stipulation for the initial donation is that the building can be closed-up. It will have double doors on either side. The gable end will have a small door to enter the storage area. The west end will be a sliding door that is off-set.
- It will have metal roofing, stone foundation, be painted and trimmed, and have electricity.
- The desire is to raise the funds completely without Town resources. Received a \$5,000 pledge for a total of \$25,000 so far. The group is putting together a pledge letter – that will distinguish between money, materials, or labor.
- There are open questions: insurance for the construction; the surrounding area around the shed; whether it will be taxed; support from the Library Trustees; will

there be a cost to use; who will manage scheduling; plus snow removal and legal questions.

- The shed will be a memorial / tribute from the Tricentennial. Steve plans for completion for a year from September 15th. There will be a plaque indicating it's origin.
- For fundraising – could sell a bay, post, nails etc. and depending on the amount, the item/donation could be named after someone. The creation of an endowment (perhaps through a new non-profit) could be for the maintenance of the shed and the electricity.
- The shed does need to be approved by the Selectman and a warrant article will need to be written/accepted by the Town since it will be given to the Town moving forward.
- The group reviewed the pledge letter that describes the project and pledge information. Erin suggested a copy of their pledge be provided for those pledging. Heidi indicated that online access to pledging will be available.

New Fundraising Ideas

- Grappone Ford has offered to do mobile oil changes in Canterbury - with all the proceeds coming to the Tricentennial. There are two oil change vans they use. They do the sign-ups and work off that list using the VIN of the car. According to Grappone, organizations typically charge ~\$50 per oil change for the service. Will need to be at a parking lot – maybe the library area could be used. Grappone makes flyers and advertises. They can accept a maximum of 30 cars per day.
- Mark discussed using one still picture from each scene of the movie and converting to a 2027 Tricentennial calendar. Could have advertisements associated with the calendar.
- Heidi and Mark reached out to Market Basket for donations – not just monetary but could be in kind donations. Granite State Credit Union was contacted as well.

Warrant Article

- The warrant article is still being discussed. Needs to be written by end of year for inclusion in the Town Meeting

November Farmer's Market

- The group will participate in the November 14 Farmer's Market with the Tricentennial merchandise – including the license plates.

Pint Glasses

- The group discussed buying a batch of glasses to sell at the November Farmer's Market. The glasses cost \$7.50 and can be sold for \$15. Buy a batch of 100 glasses. Erin motioned buying the batch of 100, seconded by Scott. The **Motion was approved.**

Commemoration Day Calendar

- The group discussed that the schedule for the day should start to be drafted with respect to timing, etc.

Concerts/Dance

- Teresa is working on a dance for after the Fair, but the cost would be \$1,500 for one of the bands suggested - which would be the budget total for all concerts/dances together. More review and planning is needed.

Group Photo

- The subcommittee members photo was taken.

New Business – October 15th Agenda Items

Motion to Adjourn approved – Adjourned at approximately 8:39PM