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**SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS
6:00 p.m.**

Committee members present: Tracy Weed, Keith Siegel, Martha Johnston-Nash (Select Board Rep), Ruth Ann Senff-Wiemer, Norma Hunt, Ashley Brown, Sonja Burns, and Argy Nestor

Others present: Holly Savage

NOTE: Due to a Town Hall Streams glitch, this meeting was not recorded. Thanks to Argy Nestor for the information.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

2. Approve May 20, 2024 minutes:

Motion by: Keith Siegel

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

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3. Volunteer plans – Holly Savage:

Holly shared SignUpGenius, the online volunteer signup system we are using.

4. Parade: Below

5. Help – Voting Day June 11, Parades June 15 (Waldoboro) and July 4 (Thomaston):

6. Budget: approve difference in cost of fairgrounds rental:

Motion to approve \$317.50 difference in the cost of fairgrounds rental by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Keith Siegel

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7. Future meetings: June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8 (walk through script for S weekend), July 10 (tabletop meeting with emergency personnel and S committee), July 15 (perhaps another day this week):

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8. Other:

Argy update via email:

- Bandstand: Michael Colson has a couple of hours left on the bandstand and it will be completed.
- Map: the text for both sides of the map is almost completed. Shelly has started painting the map. Andy is working with a graphic artist on the second side.
- Volunteer SignUpGenius system: Holly has created the system and it is being soft launched to work out any bugs that there might be. Plan to go live with it this week to accompany the press release.
- Vose Library plant sale: Ruth Ann and I worked at the sale on June 1, sold lots of merchandise.
- Invoices have been submitted to the town to be paid for from the \$10,000 that the taxpayers voted on June 2023 with one exception, the fairgrounds. Looking for approval by the S committee at the June 3 meeting.
- Facebook followers: 615, an increase of 37 in the last two weeks. 15 Instagram followers – this is an indication that we are not reaching the age group that uses Instagram on a regular basis.
- The promised money is still coming in and thank you's are being sent continuously. Working closely with Bruce at the historical society.
- Working on some writing for the Union book and on some writing for the press releases.

Cindy update via email:

I've been out of town and away from my computer and phone most of the time.

- If you haven't voted on a road sign yet, please do --
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMJj0IsNXhX6ekica5Efyum_jnE0-DBKg7FctYXTlos0nKiA/viewform.
- I believe the plan is that as soon as the election is finished on June 11 and the towns have a chance to mow, we'll be plastering these all along 17 and every intersection. If anyone knows any political candidates who would donate their wire supports to the S committee, that would save us \$3 each.
- The basic pattern will be slightly altered to make the signs that acknowledge the sponsors.
- Press releases have been joined by guest columns! More information, looser format, more pictures – YAY!

Ruth Ann update via email:

- Parade: route still undecided. Will let SB make final decision
- No oxen due to increased insurance requirements; llamas, alpacas spook proof. Recruiting.

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- Nine bluebirds crocheted, much appreciated. Drop off basket to be placed at Vose Library.
- Congressional Record in submission process.

Martha update via email:

T-shirts, caps:

- At the Vose Library sale, Ruth Ann and Argy sold seven caps and 13 t-shirts. That's \$400. To date, we have sold 53 caps and 22 t-shirts.
- I will be putting in an order for three dozen more caps tomorrow. Six of those are already spoken for. We are out of ladies' caps, and I've added a couple more colors to the generic caps.
- I would like also to order two dozen more t-shirts. These will be half youth (medium and large) and half ladies' scoop neck (medium and large).

Descendants picnic:

- I've given PR and info to Argy and Keith to go out asap, to as wide an area as possible. In researching the lineage, I'm finding many, many branches and so will focus the charts primarily on those whom we know are either 1) locals or 2) descendant lines we know will be present. There will be space to add lines of others as well.
- We may need a poster to put up directly targeted to descendants who may not be on social media?

Sonja update via email:

I don't really have an update except that I will be there tonight and I am going to volunteer from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. next Tuesday at the ballots to represent the Sestercentennial and sell stuff. I do wonder if we are planning on making posters out of the new map of Union? I, for one, would sure like to buy one.

Norma update via email:

Chris deGrof is in for rug braiding.

9. Next meeting: June 17, 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn:

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary