



Machiasport 250th Celebration Committee Meeting

"Celebrating Machiasport Pride, Then and Now"

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Thursday, August 15, 2013- 6:00 p.m. / Town Office

MINUTES

Rick Bury called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Rick Bury, Bill Prescott, Jr. Sandra K. Prescott, Linda Wright, Russell Wright, Celeste Sherman, Lois Sprague, Shirley Erickson, and Barbara Maloy.

1. Approval of July 18, 2013 Minutes

MOTION made by Bill Prescott, Jr. seconded by Barbara Maloy to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes. Motion passed.

2. Treasurers Report-Bill Prescott, Jr.

MOTION made by Russell Wright seconded by Shirley Erickson to approve the August 13, 2013 Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

3. Reimbursement requests

Rick Bury presented an invoice for the purchase and developing of cameras for the July 27th Events. Other developing is expected for the Fire Department and Historical Society.

- A. Review July 27th Machiasport Day of Celebration Successes/Lessons learned.

Rick Bury noted that the 250th Committee has worked for over a year to provide a community celebration the town could be proud of and he was honored to chair the committee. He thanked Sandra for her service as Co Chair and sometimes secretary. He thanked Bill for his great work as treasurer and to all the members who made the events happen he expressed his gratitude. He said that the Events far exceeded his expectations.

Committee members shared stories from the July 27th Day of Celebration and all felt it was a tremendous success. Captain Cates Open House saw 25 visitors, Mic Mac Farm 15 and The Blue Lobster had several visitors and one of Jane Diggins Harnedy's paintings was sold. The Little Red Schoolhouse reenactment was very successful and they raise \$526 toward the new roof, the Steeple Fund at the Congregational church raised \$727.

Russell Wright expressed appreciation to Louise Garfield and all the volunteers who transported the original desks, books and furniture to and from the school house for the reenactment. The children and their teacher were dressed to represent the days the school was in session. Teacher Sue Almendinger presented a lesson for the children.

The Fire Department raised several hundred dollars with the dunk tank and boot toll. They also provided traffic control for the day's events. Rep. Katherine Cassidy, Selectman Charles Ingalls, James Bradley, CEO and several others participated in the dunk tank. The kiddie train from Whitney's Tool Shed was renamed the "Lion" for the day and the children received tickets and enjoyed riding on the train. Several vendors and antique truck owned Gerald Wood and 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle car owned by David Wood were also on display at the Municipal Complex.

The Historical Society had a great crowd and the stamp cancellation was a great success. Over 200 mailings occurred with Ann Crocker who volunteered her time as Machiasport Postmaster. The Art Exhibit and prize winning float displayed at Liberty Hall was under the direction of Ray Foster, who did a marvelous job. The Proclamation was read for the Return of the Fort O'Brien Cannon by Ray Foster on the steps of Liberty Hall. Representative, Katherine Cassidy presented a Legislative Sentiment recognizing the 250th Anniversary Settlement of the town to Selectman Michael Murphy, II and Charles Ingalls while Cora Proctor Quimby, age 104 and her family were present for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane and Legislative Sentiment presented to her by Representative Cassidy. The delicious box lunches provided by the Historical Society were sold out.

Rick and Sandra thanked everyone for their participation and declared the day a great success.

Sandra K. Prescott also reviewed the many committees' accomplishments for the year thus far. Committee members were amazed with how much has been accomplished.

The remaining events, include but are not limited to, Fireworks to be held on August 17, 2013 in Bucks Harbor, Community Clean-Up Month (September), publishing a Second Edition of the Machiasport Business Directory, Veterans Day Celebration at Fort O'Brien, Time Capsule presentation and Christmas Tree Lighting by Deb Nielsen in Bucks Harbor.

Bill Prescott, Jr. offered one of his large trees, a white spruce, for the Christmas tree if it was wanted.

B. When will the Time Capsule Committee meet again?

It was agreed that on November 21, 2013 the Time Capsule Committee would meet for one last meeting to convene a jury of interested community members to give final approval for the contents of the Time Capsule. The capsule will be sealed in December and will be presented to Town Officials at the Historical Societies Annual Christmas Party.

C. What should we do with the remaining Recycle Bags?

It was agreed that the remaining Recycle Bags would be given to the Historical Society and a "sale price" donation of 1.00 be suggested for their future celebrations, and if any were left over they would be brought back to the November 21st meeting for final distribution.

D. What should we do with any unspent Celebration funds?

Celeste Sherman noted that she had spoken to Beverly Taylor and together they suggested the following:

- Maintenance Fund: to ensure regular Trimming around town signs, bulletin boards, Public Pier and Boat Ramp (Maritime Committee/Road Crew)

- Repair: to Bulletin Board at Town Office, Bucks Harbor Pier weatherproof/corkboard Estimate
- New Sign: for East Side entrance to Machiasport on Route 191

Sandra K. Prescott presented a list of ideas with a focus on sustaining the work that the 250th Committee has completed.

Update/changes for Website: provided by Consultant Susan Bennett during/after Celebration **Estimate \$300**

250th Plaque to honor oldest Veteran: Veterans Day, if the veteran could be identified. **Estimate \$40**

Plaque for Time Capsule: Date to open/directions **Estimate \$40**

\$50 for youngest child who is born 2013 prior to the sealing of the Time Capsule- The \$50 is to be put in Time Capsule to be given to the child if they attend the 300th Celebration in 50 years

Update Business Directory: Print a Second Edition printing/folding -September **Estimate \$150**

It was agreed that Sandra would follow through with implementing as many of these ideas as possible and the Committee would decide in November what to do with any remaining balance.

Shirley Erickson suggested that the Selectmen/Town hold a Community Dinner next year, perhaps before Town Meeting in June.

Barbara Maloy noted that if it was to be held at the school it should be before school ends for the year.

MOTION made by Russell Wright seconded by Bill Prescott, Jr. that all of the suggestions be approved. Motion passed.

Barbara Maloy noted that the amount collected for the 250th Post Cards was being calculated and a check would soon be written to the committee.

Sandra K. Prescott suggested that the proceeds from the Post Cards be provided to the Historical Society..

MOTION made by Bill Prescott, Jr. seconded by Shirley Erickson that the 250th Post Card proceeds be given to the Historical Society for all they did to support the Celebration. Motion passed.

Barbara Maloy expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Historical Society.

E. What's next for the 250th Committee/When does the 250th Committee we want to meet again?

It was agreed that the Committee would meet at 6:00 for one last meeting on November 21st and have a reception and invite all the members of the committee, town officials and those who worked to make the 250th Town Celebration a success. Motion passed.

MOTION made by Rick Bury seconded by Bill Prescott, Jr. to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed.

Next Meeting- November 21, 2013 6:00 p.m. (The Time Capsule Committee would meet at 5:00

MINUTES TAKEN BY SANDRA K. PRESCOTT

