



Machiasport 250th Celebration Committee Meeting

“Celebrating Machiasport Pride, Then and Now”

P.O. Box 267- Machiasport, Maine 04655- 207-255-4516

Thursday, March 21, 2013- 6:00 p.m./ Town Office

Minutes

Present: Rick Bury, Bill Prescott, Jr. , David Nielsen, Michael Hinerman, Mary E. Hinerman, Linda Wright, Lois Sprague, Vernon Sprague, Mary Deblois, Celeste Sherman, Barbara Maloy, Sue Sousa, Albert Sousa, Mark Sprague, Ray E. Foster, Bobby Ingalls, Charles Ingalls, and Sandra K. Prescott.

Rick Bury, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of January 17, 2013 Minutes and February 21, 2013

MOTION made by Ray Foster seconded by Lois Sprague to approve the minutes- Motion passed.

**2. Treasurers Report- Bill provided a copy of his Treasurers report as of 3/21/13- See Handout
MOTION made by Ray Foster seconded by Lois Sprague to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion passed.**

3. Requests for Reimbursement:

21.60 for Mary Deblois- Postage for Business Mailing
114.45 for Sandra K. Prescott- Materials , postage, paper envelopes, cartridges
400.00 to be set aside for sign materials
50.00 Postage for mailing Thank you and Committee mailings
586.05 Total

**MOTION made by Lois Sprague, seconded by Ray Foster to approve the requests as presented.
Motion passed.**

Time Capsule Linda Wright noted that her husband Russell has agreed to donate a copper Time Capsule for the 250th Celebration. Size is approximately 2' x 8" round. It was suggested that July 27th might be a good date to bury the Capsule (July 27th is being proposed as Machiasport Day)

The Time Capsule Committee including Lois Sprague, Barbara Maloy, Sue Almendinger, Bobby Ingalls will meet and consider the following questions:

Decisions to be made by Committee and reported back to the Committee include:
Where the capsule is to be located?
How the school and Town will be involved?
What will be included in the capsule?
How long it will be buried, and;
Were it will be recorded

The Committee will meet and report recommendations back at the April meeting.

Brochure & Mailing

Sandra reported that the Brochures are at the printers and the mailing will take place in the next 2 weeks. She is working with the Post Office and Town Office to complete to research how to do a mass mailing. She asked for volunteers to assist with the mailing.

Barbara Maloy, Lois Sprague, Mary Deblois, Mary Hinerman, and Rick Bury volunteered to help. Sandra will let them know when the brochures arrive.

Cannon to be returned to Fort O'Brien

Ray Foster reported that he and J.J. Tibbetts, DECF Supervisor are working together to bring the FOB Cannon back to the Historical Park. They have been researching the best method to do that and how to mount the cannon. David Wood has volunteered to help with the transport and the inmates will provide some labor. We are hoping that this can be done by July. He noted that this effort may require some funds for iron rods, mortar, etc. He will report back at a later date. The Committee thanked ray for all his efforts.

May and September & Recycle Bags

May and September -Sandra reported that the Board of Selectmen on March 4th designated May and September as two Clean-up Months, and pledged support for that effort. Sam Sprague agreed to work with the Committee to determine what could be done.

Recycle Bags- Sandra reported that the recycle bags were in and available for distribution. She has 300 bags in her garage, and encouraged folks to help distribute them. She said she had spoken to Shirley Erickson who was unable to be at tonight's meeting, concerning the sale of the recycle bags and agreed that the purpose of the bags was to get the bags out to the citizens and promote the clean-up months and recycling. The committee should reconsider asking \$5. per bag so that the bags could be distributed as soon as possible.

The Committee agreed to make the bags available for a suggested donation of \$3.00, but indicate any donation would be accepted.

Community Flyer

Sandra presented a DRAFT copy of a Flyer to inform the public of the Clean-up. Some edits were made. Mary Deblois agreed to make/print 400 copies for the Committee as a handout.

Fire Department Offer to participate in the Celebration

Mark Sprague said Sam Sprague was unable to attend the committee meeting but he had met with the Fire Department to discuss how the Department could become involved in the town's celebration. The fire chief, Dave Nielson and Mike Hinerman also attended the meeting to show support for the celebration. Mark reported that the Fire Department and its members are willing to provide clean-up, traffic control for celebration events, and help with the dinner clean up. The Department suggested that it could display its Fire Trucks and equipment to encourage volunteer recruitment. The Committee expressed their appreciation for the Departments involvement.

Fireworks in Bucks Harbor

Sandra read a communication she received from Betsy Fitzgerald agreeing to have the town of Machiasport be part of a Celebration of Fireworks in Bucks Harbor in August during the weekend of the Blueberry Festival.

The Fire Department offered to help with traffic control and safety precaution, and Vernon Sprague offered to donate some fireworks for the display as well.

MOTION made by Mike Hinerman seconded by Ray Foster to authorize \$350. from donor funds to be added to their fireworks display. Motion passed.

Postage Stamp Cancellation

Sandra noted that it appeared that the Friends of Liberty Hall would not be able to offer this service. She suggested that perhaps the Historical Society consider this for one of their events. Ray Foster agreed to look at the Post Office criteria and consider how this might be accomplished. He will report back at the next meeting.

Web Site

Sandra reported that she is providing material for the website and is working with the Web designer, Susan Bennett and Annemarie at the Town Office to obtain the documents to be posted on the web. The target date for the Website to be on line is the end of April.

Town Signs

Sandra reported that she has been working with Jim Wells and has been taking photos of the new sign's progress. The sign is being made by Jim Wells, Machiasport resident who has only asked for the committee to pay for the materials. Sandra shared some photos and noted that Jim will have well over a hundred hours of time making the sign that he is not charging for. She also reported that JJ Tibbetts at DECF, working with the inmates, will be making/repainting signs for the town as well. The new signs will be erected, weather permitting, in late April. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the work Mr. Wells has done for the town.

Buoy Showcase

Bill reported that the Buoy Showcase, made and donated by Jim Miner, has been completed and he (Bill) made 100 buoys for the lobster fishermen to paint with their own colors. The buoys are available at the Town Office. Sandra asked the committee to pass the word that the buoys needed to be painted and returned by April 15th in time to be included in the Lobster Buoy Showcase. Bill is now securing the buoys in the cabinet in the order that they come in. The Showcase will be unveiled at a date to be announced.

Clam Diggers Recognition

It was suggested by Annemarie Davis that the Committee recognize the Clam Diggers. Sandra volunteered to make up list of Diggers to be placed with the Buoy Showcase. The Committee agreed with this idea.

Community Dinner- May 18th

The Community dinner will be held on May 18th. Sandra is working with Sue Almendinger, Principal to plan for the dinner and consider what is needed.

Machiasport Day Suggestion

Rick Bury suggested that there be a Machiasport Day where open houses and yard sales could take place. July 27th was suggested as a date for the event.

MOTION made by Rick Bury seconded by Bill Prescott, Jr. to approve a Machiasport Day to be held on July 27th , the Day will include Open house(s), placement of the Time Capsule and other events to be determined to be held. Motion passed.

Rick agreed to take the lead on this idea and contact folks that might be willing to participate such as the churches, Historical Society, Friends of Liberty Hall, FOB School, Committee and Fire Department. He will report back to the Committee in April.

Honor for Machiasport's Oldest Citizen

Sandra suggested that the Town should honor our oldest citizen known to be Cora Proctor Quimby at age 104 years. She suggested that the Annual Town Report could honor Cora by putting in a write up and photo in this year's Report.. It was also learned that the Boston Post Cane is at the Machiasport Historical Society for safe keeping, and since Cora has not officially received the Boston Post Cane Sandra also suggested that the Cane be presented to Cora Proctor Quimby .

MOTION made by Bill Prescott, Jr. seconded by Barbara Maloy to ask the Selectmen to honor or dedicate the 2013 Town Report to Cora Proctor Quimby, our oldest citizen. Motion passed.

Sandra agreed to present this idea to the Selectmen at their next meeting.

A committee made up of Barbara Maloy, Lois Sprague and Sandra agreed to determine how and when to present the Boston Post Cane to Cora Proctor, Quimby. The Committee will report back in April.

Machias Parade

Al Sousa informed the Committee that Machiasport will be participating in the Machias parade. A float is being prepared featuring the bateau; however the trailer that was to haul the 33 foot boat needs repairs. Planks are needed . Ray Foster expressed interest in this project.

For Next Agenda:

July 27 Machiasport Day- Rick Bury
Report on Boston Post Cane presentation to Cora Proctor Quimby
Report on Time Capsule
Report on Postage Stamp Cancellation Event

Rick Bury, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Sandra K. Prescott

Next Meeting- April 18, 2013