



Machiasport 250th Celebration Committee Meeting
“Celebrating Machiasport Pride, Then and Now”
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Minutes- 250th Sestercentennial Committee January 17, 2013

Present: Rick Bury, Sandra K. Prescott, Bill Prescott, Jr. Hugh Taylor, Bobby Ingalls, Barbara Maloy, Lois Sprague, Linda Wright, Sue Sousa, Al Sousa, Shirley Erickson, Mike Murphy, II., Jenessa Sprague, Leona Pettegrow, James R. Pettegrow, Danny Sprague, Marlene Sprague, Amanda Sprague.

1. Minutes for the December meeting were amended to reflect the Board of Selectmen meet on January 28th- not on the 22nd. Minutes were accepted as amended.
2. Treasurer Bill Prescott, Jr. reported that there were no expenditures made this month and the balance remains at \$4,927.71. He also noted that there have been several members of the committee who have donated labor, postage, and gifts for the Logo Contest. He will keep track of these for future reference.
3. Logo Contest winner Amber Sprague was recognized and presented with a Certificate, a Kindle from the Committee. She was also presented and a Junior Membership in the Machiasport Historical Society by Al Sousa. Thirteen year old Amber Sprague was present with members of her family looking on to receive her award. Amber is a student at Fort O’Brien School, a Girl Scout and an active volunteer at the Machiasport Historical Society. The announcement was made by Rick Bury, Chair of the 250th Committee and Michael Murphy, II, Chair of the Board of Selectmen. The judges selected Ambers Logo as they thought that this Logo best represented the Committees Theme *Machiasport Pride, Then and Now*. Ambers Logo depicted historic buildings, the ocean and Machiasport Pride as a Historic Jewel. The Logo will be used to promote the Town’s year-long list of events. **The Committee expressed their appreciation to Beverly Taylor for the work she did organizing this contest. Beverly was unable to attend the meeting.**
4. Sandra K. Prescott reported on the following proposals for the Board of Selectmen on January 28th:
 - Permission to contract with Bennett Web Design to create a Machiasport Website- Requested \$1400 to be paid by the Committee, and the ongoing annual maintenance of \$87 to be paid by the Town. A deposit of \$700 to be authorized. **The Committee agreed but Sandra and Rick should ask the Town to contribute more toward the Website.**
 - Permission to contract with Bennett Web Design to create a 250th Brochure- Requested \$800 to be paid by the Committee for 500 copies of an 11x14 color Brochure and the postage to mail the Brochure to Machiasport residents be paid for by the Town. A deposit of \$400 to be authorized. **The Committee suggested that more copies of the Brochure be printed for distribution at events. Sandra agreed to find out what this additional cost would be and add it to the request.**

- Permission to repaint and/or refurbish 3 of its Signs and to add 2 new Signs (1 for the Kennebec Road and 1 for the East Side Road) Requested that the Town pay for the materials and that the Downeast Correctional Facility be asked to provide the labor. **The Committee agreed.**
- Permission to repair and/or refurbish 4 Town Bulletin Boards (starboard, Bucks Harbor Pier, Town Office, and East Side) Requested that the Town pay for the materials and that the Downeast Correctional Facility be asked to provide the labor. **The Committee agreed.**
- Permission to purchase 4 Town Maps (Mylar) from CES and post these maps on the 4 Town Bulletin Boards. Requested that the Committee pay for the 4 Maps. **The Committee agreed.**
- Permission to ask the Selectmen to identify a location for a Lobster Buoy Display Showcase. Requested that the Town pay for the materials and the Committee would seek volunteers to make the cabinet and buoys. **The Committee agreed.**
- Permission to ask the Selectmen to appoint Sam Sprague and Sandra K. Prescott to serve as coordinators for the above activities. **The Committee agreed.**

She also reported on:

- Penobscot Marine Museum has offered to provide a travelling exhibit of Historical photos for Machiasport sometime in June or July. They must have a commitment by February to schedule the exhibit. A location would need to be identified as well as a contact person who would coordinate the exhibit. **Al and Susan Sousa were asked if they would speak to members of the Historical Society and inform the committee in February if there was any interest in coordinating this event.**
 - A DRAFT of a List of Events was handed out and **committee members were asked to make any additions or corrections.**
 - Photographs needed of landmarks old/new Sue Sousa agreed to help Sandra identify some photos at the Historical Society that might be used on the website and brochure.
5. Bobby Ingalls reported that he has obtained a list of lobster fishermen fishing out of Machiasport and he and Sandra would work together to **determine a methodology for distributing them to the fishermen to be painted with their buoy colors.**
 6. **Bill Prescott, Jr. volunteered to make the buoys for the Lobster Buoy Showcase.**
 7. Mary Deblois, Fundraising Chair, was absent due to illness and Sandra reported that they were working on a Business Directory and a letter to be sent to local businesses. **This item will be placed on the February agenda.**
 8. The Committee discussed ways they might use Logo. Some ideas suggested were: Committee stationary, postcards, flags, decals for front doors, recycle bags, t-shirts. It was determined that the Logo needed to be “camera ready” for its future use. Sandra will contact Bennett Web Design to see how this could best be accomplished. This item will be placed on the February agenda.
 9. Shirley Erickson reported that she would need a “camera ready” picture (4” wide x 2” wide) of the Logo to be provided to the U.S. Postal Service for a postage stamp to be used for the Celebration. The Postal Service needs a 10 week notice to develop the postage stamp. **Sandra will contact Bennett Web Design to see how this could best be accomplished, and notify Shirley so she can pursue this with the Postal Service.**
 10. It was noted that Sue Almendinger should be encouraged to contact Russell Wright to determine if it was possible to make a “time capsule” for joint celebration with Fort O’Brien and the Towns 250th Celebration. **Rick Bury agreed to contact Sue to encourage a meeting. This item will be placed on the February agenda.**
 11. It was noted that an “unveiling of the cannon” was being pursued by Ray Foster on behalf of the Historical Society. **This item will be placed on the February agenda.**

Next Meeting for the 250th Committee: February 21, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Notes by Sandra K. Prescott

Agenda items suggested were:

Report on action taken by the Board of Selectmen- January 28th
Request of Board of Selectmen -Town Clean-up Day(s)
Decision on the Penobscot Marine Museum Travelling Exhibit
Report on use of Logo & "camera ready" photo
Updates for the List of Events
Report on the Time Capsule plans
Do we want to schedule a Community Dinner? Who/what/when?
Approve Business Directory DRAFT
Approve Business Letter- DRAFT Who should sign the letter?
Update on bringing cannon back to Fort O'Brien
Decision on Fundraising activities/letter to Businesses