

Machiasport 250th Celebration Committee Meeting *"Celebrating Machiasport Pride, Then and Now"* P.O. Box 267- Machiasport, Maine 04655- 207-255-3952 Thursday, February 21, 2013- 6:00 p.m./ Town Office

Minutes

- 1. Approval of January 17, 2013 Minutes- TABLED
- 2. Treasurers Report

There were no expenditures made since the last meeting and the balance was the same as last month

3. Introducing the Business Directory- DRAFT 2/21/13

Sandra presented a DRAFT version of the Business Director and asked for comments. Several suggestions were so noted. She will revise the Draft as suggested. She will make copies to be distributed in March. She also offered to write a press release to inform the Public of its availability.

Reports:

Action taken by the Board of Selectmen- January 28

- 1. The Board of Selectmen approved all recommendations as requested by the Committee.
- 2. The Selectmen agreed to hold a Special Town Meeting on February 25th to allocate \$2000. from one account to another. Members of the Committee were encouraged attend at 6:30 P.M.
- 3. MOTION made by Shirley Erickson seconded by Lois Sprague to approve setting aside \$3,600 for the development of a Website & Brochure completed by Susan Bennett of Bennett Designs, Town Maps, CES, New Signs/Materials, Materials for Bulletin Board repairs, Materials for Buoy Showcase and Postage for fundraising Business Letters. Motion passed.

Decisions

1. The Committee agreed to ask the Selectmen at their next meeting to approve a 1-2 Town Sponsored Clean- Up days in 2013 to promote Town Pride. Suggestions included cleaning the beaches and having the Public Works Department or Peter Sprague or Port Road Recycling to assist in the effort. Sandra will present this idea to Sam and the Selectmen. 2. Shirley also suggested that the Committee purchase 300 recycle bags to promote the Clean-up days and recycling. She shared a sample of the bag which would display the 250th Logo.

MOTION made by Bill Prescott seconded by Barbara Maloy to approve the purchase of 300 bags for 737.31 and resell them for \$5.00 each as a fundraiser. Motion passed.

- **3.** Approved the draft for a fundraising letter to be sent to local businesses. Selectmen Mike Murphy agreed to sign the letter.
- 4. Rick Bury agreed to contact the Friends of Liberty Hall to ask if they would like to do a stamp cancellation to promote Liberty Hall.
- 5. Agreed that the Penobscot Museum would hold a Historic Travelling Photo Exhibit at Fort O'Brien School during the month of May. Sandra will contact the Museum and get Susan Almendinger and Kevin Johnson connected to further the plan. Sandra agreed to write a Press Release.
- 6. The Committee and Susan Almendinger, Principal agreed to hold a Community/ School Dinner on May 18th Volunteers will be recruited to make plans. Bill will contact Cookes Aquaculture for a donation to support the dinner.
- 7. Sandra shared a copy of the List of Events and members made numerous suggestions.
- 8. Bill reported that he has volunteered to make enough buoys (93) to represent each of the lobster fishermen. He shared a sample buoy. Jim Miner has volunteered to make the cabinet while the Selectmen have agreed to locate the Lobster Buoy Showcase in the Town Office.
- 9. Rick Bury suggested that Captain Cates would be willing to hold an Open House during the summer.

Updates

Time Capsule plans- **Tabled** Returning the Cannon to Fort O'Brien- **Tabled**

To Be Determined:

Students participate in UMM in "Old Fashion Games" Machiasport participation in Machias Parade Who/What/When? Liberty Hall - Listing with dates for the Planned Activities during 2013-Rick Starboard Community Celebration- Russell/Linda W.

Next Meeting- Thursday- March 21, 2013

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Notes by Sandra