

Bristol Bicentennial Committee
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:15 PM

Members present: Lucille Keegan, Hilda Bruno, Donna Manfra and Janet Cote

Excused: Rick Alpers, Michelle Balboni and Kerrin Rounds

July 13, 2016 meeting minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

2016/2017 Meeting Schedule: Discussion allowed for decision to set 4th Tuesday of the month for regular monthly meeting time with dates through end of 2016 confirmed as follows:

Tuesday, September 27

Tuesday, October 25

Tuesday, November 22

Tuesday, December 27

Chair Cote will check on meeting space availability and then post these meetings.

Participation Event for Community Organizations/Businesses: Discussion and action will continue on this as the group and ideas evolve so that a better idea of what we may be planning to talk with the organizations and businesses about and can better solicit participation in the Bicentennial Events etc. It was agreed that getting the word out about our committee, soliciting ideas and volunteers would be best right now. A press release announcing the committee and its charge, exciting others to join us and more was discussed and Ms. Cote volunteered to write one up and submit to committee for review before next meeting. It was suggested that the committee members start talking this up with contacts and that with organizations and businesses. In the future we may want to personally meet with each separately rather than have a big gathering.

Organization of Ideas and Timetables: Discussion around this was more to what might be the charge of the committee; how many events will be happening in timeframe discussed as starting Memorial Day and ending Labor Day 2019. It was clear that events that happen each year in Bristol could be enhanced to celebrate the bicentennial. Donna Manfra suggested a mock calendar of events might help to get a sense of what timetable and types of events would be happening. This then could be a tool when talking with other community organizations etc. Mrs. Manfra volunteered to draft the mock calendar for next meeting.

Budget: Ms. Cote suggested a meeting with the Town Administrator would be prudent early on to discuss budget and process for moving forward with cost elements and planning for 2019 event. The Select Board has been budgeting for two years for Bicentennial, so we would want to see this continue. Other suggestions for fundraisers and grants were discussed as possible other funding sources but process and procedure as well as projects discussed should be with consultation and approval of Select Board. With suggested commemorative items, project related suggestions; contests etc. This will be key.

Other Business: There was more discussion on previous listing of ideas and more suggested ideas discussed. Mrs. Keegan suggested that the possibility of producing historical markers along bike path denoting all the historic mills and other landmarks might be a good goal for bicentennial. Funding discussion included possible grant applications, donations, or town warrant articles. This would need discussion with Select Board and possible other organization involvement like Historical Society.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM