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**375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee**  
**September 5, 2018 ~ Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Chairman – Mike Costello, Vice Chairperson – Connie Wenzel-Jordan, Neal Harrington, Sheila Kramer, Cynthia Lee, Anna Deignan, Kim Fagundes, Jean Grota, Ken Abrams, Jan McMurry, Jeff Greenberg, Sandy Phillips, Joe Nunes, Abby Abrahamson

Guests: Adler Abrahamson, Wendy \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting came to order at 7:01 PM

**Motion:** Kim Fagundes made the motion to accept minutes – seconded by Jean Grota – approved unanimously – at 7:02 PM

**Harvest Block Party**

Kim Fagundes said that everything is set and ready for the Block Party. Jake Kramer will be at the block party to sell 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise and t-shirts. Mike Costello has a popup canopy that can be used for the booth. Kim Fagundes said that, if it rains on the day of the event, she won't be able to attend as Fun on A Bun because she has an event scheduled for the next day.

**Historic Timeline Encampment**

Mike Costello received several emails today regarding the Historic Timeline Encampment. He said that we will need to get port-a-johns for the event. He also introduced a bill to the Committee for stakes, fencing, and signage purchased at Home Depot for the Parade and Carnival.

Ken Abrams made a motion to approve the bill of \$546.59 for materials purchased at Home Depot for the Parade and Carnival. Neal Harrington seconded the motion. Discussion: Jean Grota asked if the money should come out of the \$4,500 allotted to the Highway Department for 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary expenses. In addition, Connie Wenzel-Jordan asked if the materials will be kept at the Highway Department for future use. Amendment: Sandy Phillips made a motion to pay the bill of \$546.59 through the parade account of the Board of Selectmen's Office. Ken Abrams seconded the amendment, all in favor. The motion was unanimously approved.

**375<sup>th</sup> Parade**

The 375<sup>th</sup> Committee will meet at Horton Estates on September 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Committee will meet on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If needed, we will also meet on October 3<sup>rd</sup> if an extra meeting is needed before the Parade.

Sandy Phillips said that she has truly enjoyed serving on the 375<sup>th</sup> Committee and working with this group. She suggested that the Committee should have a celebratory activity following the parade. Mike Costello agreed with her, and said that we should definitely meet to celebrate everyone's hard work. Connie Wenzel-Jordan added that the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held a celebration as well; theirs was held the following spring. Jeff Greenberg also suggested holding a meeting to review what went well and what didn't once the year ends.

Jean Grota acknowledged Connie Wenzel-Jordan for doing a great job with Facebook posts and recommended that everyone share them. Divisions will be all set and finished over the weekend. The Sub-Committee will add to them as people continue to join. Jean Grota said that they would like to make September 15<sup>th</sup> a cutoff date for participation requests.

Mike Costello said that the division signs that will go in the ground are all set. We just need about 80 banners for the parade itself to introduce divisions. Jean Grota said that the Sub-Committee was going to meet tonight, but they decided due to the 375<sup>th</sup> Committee is meeting. She asked the Committee to vote to allocate \$600 to be used for banners.

Neal Harrington made a motion to allocate \$600 for parade banners. Ken Abrams seconded; all in favor.

Mike Costello will contact Living Earth about the port-a-john donation. For golf carts, Mike Costello said that Dave Perry will let the Committee use two of his Gators.

Letters including parade information were send out to all residents along the parade route. Jean Grota said that about 26 were returned, according to Laura Schwall. Businesses will need to be notified next and receive their passes for the day, including employees. Mike Costello said that he had talked with a local business owner who said that he will work on the shift schedule for the parade date. Jean Grota said that she contacted Cumberland Farms several times to notify them of the parade and is waiting to hear back from them to acknowledge that they received the information.

Jean Grota asked about VIP seating ticket sales; so far there isn't an official number yet. She contacted Cedar Brook School regarding parking, but hasn't heard back from them. In addition, volunteers are needed to lead the bucket brigade. If there are no volunteers by the next meeting, we might need to scratch the activity.

The Sub-Committee received word today that Dan Clark the Singing State Trooper won't be able to attend the parade.

Jean Grota said that the several applications were revoked. However, the Sub-Committee received a request from the Immaculate Heart of Mary School band to participate for \$500. In addition, Durfee High School applied to participate for \$600 and Cumberland High School applied to participate for \$950. Jean Grota said that we had sent invitations this past winter for Cumberland and Durfee High Schools to participate, and they are responding late. Anna Deignan said that, since the invitation included a due date, we should consider enforcing it. Kevin Hebert added that Durfee High School is a large school and has a large band. Mike Costello said that he had sent an email blast to the towns that were once a part of Rehoboth a while back; Cumberland was included in the email but Durfee wasn't. Jean Grota said



that Cumberland High School offered to negotiate. Mike Costello suggested that Jean do the negotiation with Cumberland and ask how large the Durfee High School Band is.

Sandy Phillips made a motion to allow Jean Grota to negotiate up to \$500 with Cumberland High School. Kevin Hebert seconded the motion, all in favor.

Jean Grota said that she will find out how large the Durfee High School band is and will table the topic until our next meeting. Anna Deignan said that the Anawan Lions might be interested in having a float in the parade. She will talk with the group on Thursday and let them know of the due date for applications.

Ken Abrams asked how participants will be notified, since the Holy Ghost Brotherhood contacted him with several questions. Jean Grota said that participants will receive information on time arrivals, divisions, etc. via email and hard copy. Ken Abrams said that he would also like to add a Vietnam veterans car to the parade. He also asked if anyone knows the location of the flag/banner that the Holy Ghost Brotherhood will be carrying.

When participants arrive on the day of the parade, they will check in at the KP Diner. By 10:30, everyone that needs to be in the parade will be at Redway Plain. Kim Fagundes added that food trucks will also be on Redway Plain. Jean Grota said that they likely won't get as much business there, since a lot of participants and their belongings will be on the other end.

Mike Costello said that the Highway Department will trim the brush along the parade route in about two weeks. They will also sweep the road on the week of the event. Mass DOT will also be patching the road. He also received the brackets to place flags on the telephone poles; they will be fastened onto the poles next week. Regarding the permit for Route 44, he needed to provide more information such as wordage on electric signs, etc. We are very close to receiving approval from the inspector.

Jean Grota and Mike Costello will be meeting tomorrow with safety department chiefs to review logistics. Kim Fagundes asked when we will start printing and posting flyers to advertise the parade. Once all the information on the posters is final, Connie Wenzel-Jordan will place an order to have them printed. Mike Costello added that the electronic signs will go out next week.

Sandy Phillips suggested that we might be able to ask for a free/discounted advertisement on the billboards along Barney Ave and Route 6. Mike Costello said that he will contact the company. Jean Grota asked about putting a bulletin on the local channel; Anna Deignan suggested that she contact Derek Rousseau about doing so. Ken Abrams added that Channel 9 isn't sized right and that it is difficult to see all the words. Connie Wenzel-Jordan said that, while it is good to cover all bases, not many people will sit down and watch the cable scroll.

Information and advertisements for the parade will be published in the Rehoboth Reporter this month. Connie Wenzel-Jordan said that the parade posters will be expensive to print, and suggested that we use some of the money from the Cultural Council grant. The posters will be legal size, which is typically 11x17 inches. Mike Costello knows two people who own printing companies and will research prices.



Jean Grota asked if we could put a banner at the 118 and Route 44 intersection. Mike Costello said we wouldn't be able to since there isn't a cable there. However, the new electronic signs are four times as large as the current signs, and will be out soon. Connie Wenzel-Jordan suggested that the Sub-Committee contact Dr. Azar to make sure the word gets out to students and families. Mike Costello suggested asking for a robo call.

Anna Deignan suggested asking the Singing State Trooper for suggestions on musicians that might be able to perform during the parade. Jean Grota also contacted the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July team for suggestions. Mike Costello suggested considering the Dancing Cop from Providence or Sgt. Shailor to warm up the crowd. In addition, Jean Grota will ask Doug Kelly about using his PA system for the event. Mike Costello suggested that we also contact the Rehoboth's Got Talent winners. Anna Deignan said that Sal Lopez would be heard best since he plays drums, but he usually plays with background music. Keven Hebert added that we will need an amplification system for Bill Cute as well.

Jean Grota said that we are extremely close to having a flyover. Mike Costello said that Jake Kramer talked to our unit, and they had thought about placing a display at the school. However, we will need to use the schools for parking so they will be in the parade instead. Jean Grota also said that we need to start thinking about meeting with all of the volunteers before the parade to go over details. We will also need to have an on-site meeting so everyone knows what they'll be doing and where they need to be. She will contact Helen Dennen to find out if the volunteers will need to be sworn in to be insured. W-9 forms were sent out to everyone who will be receiving compensation for participating in the parade.

### **Golf Tournament**

Ken Abrams and Joe Nunes gave an update on the Golf Tournament. They met prior to tonight's meeting. Joe Nunes said that there are currently 11 foursomes; however, Ken Abrams said that Mike Costello recruited two more foursomes. The total number is currently 13 foursomes. There is one single player, and the Sub-Committee is looking to recruit more singles so that the individual can be partnered as a twosome of foursome. Mike Costello knows of another person who is working to create a foursome. Joe Nunes will be taking Ken Abrams' spot and playing with his family during the tournament. The Sub-Committee is aiming to have 18 foursomes registered for the tournament. Mike Costello added that there will be another golf tournament at Crestwood Country Club that morning. Joe Nunes said that the 375<sup>th</sup> tournament tee will be at 1:30 PM, so the two events won't conflict with each other.

Sandy Phillips will oversee 375<sup>th</sup> glasses, Kim Fagundes will be signing people in, Kathy Conti will be selling mulligans, Bill Maiorano volunteered for the putting contest, and the LeComtes will man the hole-in-one. Cynthia Lee said that she is willing to volunteer if anything else comes up.

Joe Nunes said that so far, 14 meals have been sold. (This number includes those volunteering at the event and several Committee members.) The Sub-Committee has plenty of gifts and raffle items. In addition, Sandy Phillips made a throw and a quilt and donated them to the golf tournament.

Joe Nunes said that we will turn a profit, but the number depends on the raffles, etc. so he will announce the number at a later date.

During the event, volunteers can stay or go home and come back around 5:00 PM for the awards ceremony, raffle, and dinner. Sandy Phillips will do an invocation/prayer to thank everyone and to remember several people who have passed on.

The Sub-Committee will need help handing out raffle items and gifts. In addition, Kim Fagundes will bring a green and gold tablecloth for the raffle table. Sandy Phillips will provide cups to hold the raffle tickets. Joe Nunes asked for someone to remind Jake Kramer to bring the raffle tickets.

Neal Harrington added that Mrs. Parent recently passed away. She was dedicated to community service and was the President of the Women's Auxiliary.

### **Horton Estates Movie Night**

The 375<sup>th</sup> Committee will be meeting at Horton Estates at 6:30 PM on September 11<sup>th</sup> for a viewing of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. Mike Costello acknowledged Kim Fagundes for her hard work organizing the food for the potluck dinner. He ordered a cake from Scialo's Bakery and will bring the screen. Kevin Hebert will bring the DVD player, Jeff Greenberg will bring the projector, and Jean Grota will bring the DVD. Cynthia Lee needs to have a final headcount by tomorrow, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sandy Phillips thanked Connie Wenzel-Jordan for her designs for the Taste of Rehoboth event. She has heard from several people who would like to see another Taste of Rehoboth event in the future. Anna Deignan suggested having both a summer and winter event

Neal Harrington showed the Committee several shirts from Rehoboth's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Jean Grota asked for volunteers to take charge of the shirts for the parade. Mike Costello said that the shirts for volunteers need to be safety-green. He suggested adding "STAFF" as wording on the shirts. Sandy Phillips will talk with Jean Grota about sizes and quantities. Jean Grota will also give the examples from Graphic Ink to her. Mike Costello added that the parking attendants will need bibs.

Connie Wenzel-Jordan said that Deb Breckenridge will be resigning from the 375<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee.

### **Keep Rehoboth Beautiful**

Abby Abrahamson gave an update on the 375<sup>th</sup> Parade cleanup. The event will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The Sub-Committee will hold an info session beforehand to go over details. If the group is small enough, they will drive to each section along the parade route instead of walking the entire length. She asked for anyone interested in participating to contact her.

Joe Nunes asked about the finance report. We need to raise about \$10,000 - \$11,000. He suggested holding a 50s dance/sockhop event as a fundraiser.

Adler Abrahamson asked if the Troop 13 Boy Scouts will be needed to help with parking for the Harvest Block Party. Mike Costello gave him contact information for those in charge of organizing the block party.



**Motion to Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the board, Neal Harrington made the motion to adjourn the Wednesday, September 5, 2018 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee meeting. Jean Grota seconded and the committee unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Abby J. Abrahamson

Meeting Minutes Approved (date and time): Date: 9/11/18 Time: 7:00 PM

Signature of 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman  
after minutes have been approved:



Michael R. Costello - Chairman