

Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
300th Year Anniversary
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 | 6:30PM
Warren Memorial Town Hall
Veteran's Room

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TOWN CLERK

In attendance: Donna Wright, Paul Burns, Terry Armelin, Jean Beckley, Rick Hartenstein and Amber Wakley
Absent: Allyson Diana, Lisa Baxter, Lori Gianantoni,
Also in attendance: Blake Hatch, Brenda Simons, Jamie Furness, Barry Dolby, Brian Phelps, Neil Hoss

- 1) **ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Quorum was established and chair, Amber Wakley, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- 2) **REVIEW SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 27, 2018** Paul Burns made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 6/27/18 special meeting, Rick Hartenstein seconded the motion, and minutes were unanimously approved by all members.
- 3) **300 PLANTINGS PLANNING**
The committee continued the conversation about "300 plantings" in 2019. The project will serve as a living time capsule of sorts and will commemorate Stafford's tricentennial. Barry Dolby of Mountain Tree Service joined the discussion, offering ideas for the project. He suggested seeking long-life trees that could be planted on both public and private land, even replacing trees that are dying, have died or are damaged by storms. If we could organize 30 groups to plant 10 trees – which could even consist of residents planting on their own properties – it could conceivably suffice that goal. Barry has offered to teach proper planting technique to ensure vitality. Once complete, trees could be "mapped" and included within the time capsule, slated for burial in November 2019. Members are looking into pricing/availability/timeframe for native deciduous and conifer options.
- 4) **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

HISTORICAL

Both Paul and Jamie continue to tour anniversary events and historical observances of nearby towns to gather ideas and inspiration for history month in November.

Paul is investigating pricing for rubber wheel trolley rentals to serve as transport for narrated tours throughout town. The home/farm/mill tour will be self-transport. It was suggested getting in touch with the Agricultural Advisory Commission to collaborate on farm tours.

Paul is also pursuing research for 3D challenge coins, which will depict the Holt Fountain, Tricentennial clock and spring (for example). Amber Wakley made a motion to pursue pricing for coins, Jean Beckley seconded the motion, all were in favor.

BEAUTIFICATION

Donna and Terry discussed having a 300-year color theme, plant material reflective of a pre-determined scheme throughout 2019, both in spring and autumn. Thematic flowers will be offered as hanging baskets or patio planters, available for pre-order by residents. We will create a brochure advertising the

color combos, proceeds will serve as a fundraiser. The beautification committee is going to come up with 3 different concepts and 1 will be selected at the next meeting.

CLOCK

We received renderings from the Verdin Clock Company, each depicting the clock at different points on Main Street. We were unable to obtain a preview of the clock placed at Spring/Main Street and have since added a location in proximity to the fruit tree trail adjacent to Haymarket Common. Terry will get the final rendering for voting.

The committee is seeking 100 people wanting to donate \$300 to be included on the clock placards – this will cover clock, installation, electricity, pavers, etc.

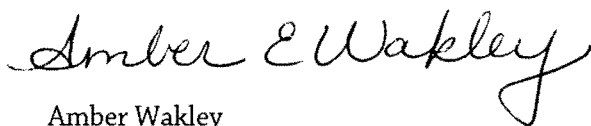
UPDATES & OPEN CONVERSATION:

- Time Capsule: Neil Hoss has completed pricing investigation, finding the average cost of a time capsule is \$400-500. We need to follow up with Dave Bartlett and Clerk's office to determine other capsule locations in town.
- To deter from snow-related cancellations, Amy has proposed changing the gala date to March 30 with a weather date of April 6. Paul Burns made a motion to accept the new date and Rick Hartenstein 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- Rick brought a candle scent example – slated for commemorative sales –called "Vintage Stafford." The committee is interested in exploring additional options.
- Continued conversations of combining WinterFest and First Night.
- Amber suggested incorporating events like SummerFeast and FallFest into the 300-year calendar.
- An out-of-town resident sent an email about hosting an event in July or August when many folks have more availability to travel long distances.
- Talked about resurrecting the Stafford Monopoly game.
- Host an "animal masquerade," which would showcase the work of local artist. Each artist would paint a fiberglass statue and then be situated across town, serving as a public art display.

5) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Paul Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick Hartenstein, all in favor. The July 11, 2018, meeting of the 300th Year Anniversary Committee was adjourned at 8: 13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber Wakley