



## ***Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission***

One Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission of 20 May 2018: First Draft

### ***Praesens:***

Jenne Holmes, Chair	Frank Kennedy
Rick Michaud, Vice Chair	Eric Mommsen
Gerri Cannon	Pius Murray, Secretary

### **Agenda and Meeting**

**I. Call to Order:** At 4:05 pm by the Chair.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the 22 March 2018 minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the Chair had written a different name for the November Gala event on her solicitation letter; he wished to know which name was the official one. The Chair ruled that the name found in the minutes was the official name of the Gala.

**III. Old Business:**

**A. *Toppers Rock 2018* band concert**

In the absence of any SAA representatives, the Chair had little new to add. The Chair did announce that tickets for the band concert were now on sale through Eventbrite; since the Chair had difficulty establishing an early bird sale, or for establishing difference price levels, all band ticket concerts were on sale for \$20.00 per ticket. The Chair will soon advertize the band concert through the Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Facebook page as well as through the city's online newsletter. The official time for the band concert is 1:00pm-8:00pm.

**B. Fireworks**

The Chair reported that the planning of the Fireworks is at a temporary standstill as the date of Homecoming in Fall 2018 is not yet set.

**C. Events with the Cemetery Trustees**

The Chair announced that the Cemetery Trustees have invited the Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission to attend a talk by Peter Michaud on Sunday, 10 June 2018, beginning at 2:00pm at Forest Glade Cemetery. The Chair recommended that the Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission set up a table at about 1:40pm.

The Chair announced that the Cemetery Trustees have also invited the Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission to attend a string quartet performance on Sunday, 19 August 2018, beginning at 2:00pm.

**D. Children's Festival on Saturday, 16 June 2018**

The Chair announced that the Children's Festival has invited the Somersworth Festival Association to have a presence at the Festival. Mr. Kennedy said that both he and Mr. Poulin would be there representing the Somersworth Historical Museum so they could also put up a sign for and sell merchandise for the Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission.

**E. Food Truck Festival**

The Chair would like to put a table for the Somersworth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission in front of City Hall from 11:00am-2:00pm. The Chair asked people who were interested in volunteering to give her their names since the Food Truck Festival would probably need a list of names to allow onto the grounds prior to opening for the public.

#### F. November Hilltop Rocks and Stage Gala

The Chair confirmed the VFW's offer Saturday, 10 November 2018: no charge to the Commission. The time is 7:00pm-11:00pm. The Chair also confirmed that Mike Pomp will serve as DJ. The structure will be music through the decades. To Mr. Murray's question how would the VFW make any money, the Chair responded through the cash bar. The Chair reported that a special Hilltopper drink will be developed and sold at a special price for the evening.

#### G. Christmas Parade

The Chair presented and the Commission agreed to march with a banner in the Christmas Parade this year to help bring the city's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to a close.

#### H. Historic Building Plaques

The Chair reported that two plaques still have to be purchased: (1) for the Somersworth Post Office; and (2) for the former Chandler School building. Mr. Kennedy offered to obtain the check from the Post Office for its plaque; the Chair will then be able to order the Chandler Plaque after the FY 2019 budget is set by August 2018. Once the plaques have been received then events for their placement may be planned. To Mr. Mommsen's inquiry about the cost of each plaque, the Chair responded \$250.00 each.

#### **IV. New Business:**

##### A. Sale of 125<sup>th</sup> Souvenirs at Somersworth Historical Museum.

Mr. Kennedy reminded the Chair that the Historical Museum could sell 125<sup>th</sup> Commemorative memorabilia and souvenirs.

##### B. Mr. Mommsen's class

Mr. Mommsen inquired about a special project for his class identifying graves of US military personnel in Somersworth's cemeteries. The Chair thought that such a project had been more or less thoroughly done recently.

##### C. Any other New Business that may come before the Commission.

#### **V. Communications and Miscellaneous:**

The Chair wished to thank Ms. Ward for her planning for the Somersworth Clean-Up Day.

#### **VI. Next Meeting:** Sunday, 24 June 2018 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

**VII. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm was made by Ms. Canon and seconded by Mr. Michaud. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pius Charles Murray*

(Mr.) Pius Charles Murray, MLS, MPA, Secretary