

Somersworth 125th Anniversary Commission

One Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of 125th Anniversary Commission of 28th July 2018: First Draft

Held at the Somersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main Street, Somersworth, NH at 4:00pm

Praesens:

Jenne Holmes, Chair	Rick Michaud, City Councilor & Vice-Chair
Kathy Guptill	Gerri Cannon
Frank Kennedy	Albert LaValley
Eric Mommsen	Ann Ward

Agenda and Meeting

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

II. Old Business:

A. *Toppers Rock 2018* band concert

The Chair reported that the August concert is on schedule and things have been worked out with Somersworth Athletic Association as well as the Police Department.

All permits and certificates that are required for the event have been signed and a sound company has been contracted for the event.

All committee members were requested to be present for the event where 125th memorabilia will be sold. There will also be a need for volunteers during set up and break down.

B. Historical Marker for Citizens Place and specifically the Ten Commandments.

It was suggested that the 125th use some of it's approved budget for the purpose of erecting a permean plaque to recognize the Ten Commandments as a historic monument in the city. After some discussion Kathy Guptil motioned that the chair be given authority to spend no more than \$500 for the purpose of creating such a plaque. The motion was seconded by Ann Ward and Gerri Gagnon. The chair indicated that she will look into the cost and if it should be more than the assigned amount she would return to the committee to request more funds.

C. Art Sculptures For Down Town:

It was suggested that by the chair that some funds be allocated to the creation of some down town art. Specifically the creation of some creatures using industrial and robust materials. She showed examples of such artwork and the committee conquered that this would be something they are open to exploring further. Some suggestions by the committee included Fish, water wheels and perhaps musical instruments in the park. The chair was asked to investigate the idea further and report back at the next meeting. It was also suggested by Mr Monmmsen that we explore the idea of donating something to the Veterans Park which is being created at the moment. This idea was endorsed to be explored by the committee.

D. November Hilltop Rocks and Stage Gala

Ann Ward reported that she had visited Piece o Cake in the city and requested help with some of the decorations for the gala. The chair reported that she has created a sponsorship form for the event.

It was suggested by Dina Gagnon that a silent auction should be included in the event. Some suggestions floated by the committee included a Somersworth fire truck ride, and 125th flags

D. Time capsule

Ms. Cannon had asked for dimensions for the capsule so she could begin making it; These have been provide by Mr. Kennedy. The time capsule book will be present at all events that the 125th will be participating in this year and all citizens are encouraged to sign it. It was suggested that a post was made to the committees facebook page requesting ideas and letters for the time capsule. The Chair agreed to do this.

E. National Night Out Somersworth.

The chair had been approached by the organizers to have a table at this event which takes place on August 7th 2018. She has other duties during the event and requested volunteers from committee members to which several responded positively.

Ms. Ward requested a variety of pictures so she could create a poster board of both upcoming and past events that the committee have taken part in. The committee was in agreement with this idea.

H. Historic Building Plaques

The Chair will order the two plaques that are not present on two of the buildings that are at present without plaques. She advised the cost would be \$121 each and \$30 for shipping. Mr Kennedy reported that the plaque for the Post Office will be reimbursed by the Post Office. The committee

IV. New Business:

A. Any other New Business that may come before the Commission.

V. Communications and Miscellaneous:

A. Nothing to report

VI. Next Meeting: Sunday, 19th August 2018 at 4:00 pm at Summersworth Historical Museum, 157 Main Street, Somersworth, NH.

VII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4.35 pm was made by Mrs Guptil and seconded by Ms. Ward. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenne Holmes

(Ms.) Jenne Holmes, Chairperson 125th Commission

