



Somersworth 125th Anniversary Commission

One Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of 125th Anniversary Commission of 24 June 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
Richard Brooks	Gerri Cannon
Frank Kennedy	Albert LaValley
Eric Mommsen	Ann Ward
Pius Charles Murray, Secretary	

Agenda and Meeting

I. Call to Order: At 4:00 pm by the Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the 20 May 2018 minutes as submitted was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion was adopted unanimously.

III. Old Business:

A. *Toppers Rock 2018* band concert

The Chair reported that the August concert was now listed on Facebook; tickets at \$20 each are available online at Eventbrite; they may also be purchased at Brenda's office (Secretary to the City Manager), and at the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Greater Somersworth Chamber of Commerce).

Mr. Lavalley filled the Commission in on the latest details. Mr. Lavalley is still waiting for a response from Port-A-Potties (estimated cost \$200 per toilet x 4 = \$800). Mr. Lavalley reported that our bands had been contacted and agreed to appear: Acoustic Radio, Ovation, Bad Breath, and Terri Collins. Mr. Lavalley furthermore reported that the event must pay for sound; the Chair asked for a price to budget the event correctly. Mr. Kennedy recommended inserting the 125th Anniversary logo into the concert sign. Mr. Lavalley stated that he was trying to get more classes from SHS involved as the money raised from food sales would benefit them (estimated to be between \$1,000-\$1,500). Old Railroad Pizza will have a 7' flatbed offering a more extensive menu. The SAA will set up the big tent.

There was some discussion about the beer tent; Mr. Lavalley had not yet heard from the beer company he had first approached. The Chair stated that a cut off date to plan the beer tent needs to be set. A meeting of the concert subcommittee was set for Saturday, 21 July 2018, to finalize details for serving beer.

There was some discussion about what permits would be required. The Chair said that she would ask the City Manager which permits from the city would be necessary. The Chair directed Mr. Lavalley to seek a state liquor permit. There was some discussion about police presence and payment, monitors particularly for the beer/alcohol tent, and disposal of garbage.

The Chair explained that she needed to finalize the budget for this event so that the Commission would know how much it had for the remainder of the year. Expected costs for this event include: fees associated with the printed banner; license fees; Port-A-Potties; garbage pick-up and disposal.

B. Cancelled Fireworks Display

The Chair reported that there would be no fireworks display as no specific date could be identified or worked out.

The Chair asked Commissioners to think of another event which would not cost too much money to substitute for the cancelled fireworks display. The Chair mentioned that the Ten Commandments monument at Citizens Place needs an historic plaque.

C. Two recent events with 125th Commission participation

The Chair reported that there was a 125th Commission presence at two recent events in Somersworth. On 10 June 2018, the Commission sent participants (thanks to Mr. Brooks and Mr. Murray) to the Cemetery Trustees' tour of Forest Glad Cemetery with Peter Michaud. On 17 June 2018, the Commission sent participants to man a booth at the 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival (thanks to Councilor Michaud and Mr. Murray).

The Chair announced that the Cemetery Trustees have also invited the Somersworth 125th Anniversary Commission to attend a string quartet performance on Sunday, 19 August 2018, beginning at 2:00pm, and to an historical re-enactment with local actors taking the part of individuals buried at Forest Glade or their family members on 29 September 2018.

D. November Hilltop Rocks and Stage Gala

Nothing new to report

E. Banners

The Chair reported that 125th Anniversary banners (like Vision 20/20's) should be purchased for each school and City Hall; the cost will have to be obtained.

F. Time capsule

Ms. Cannon asked for dimensions so she could begin making it; Mr. Kennedy said he would get them for her. Ms. Cannon thought of putting a 125th Anniversary medallion on the top in the middle of the time capsule. The Commission agreed.

G. Christmas Parade

Nothing to report.

H. Historic Building Plaques

Nothing to report5.

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, 29 July 2018 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

VII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:05 pm was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Ward. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Charles Murray

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