

Hatfield 350<sup>th</sup> Committee  
Minutes  
October 3, 2019

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*Diana Szynal*  
Assistant Town Clerk

In attendance: Ed Lesko  
Bobby Betsold  
Paul Labbee  
Cher Nicholas  
Michael Paszek

Diana Szynal  
Anna Holhut  
Michael Cahill  
Stephanie Slys

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Guests: Stephen Gaughan, George Ashley, Kevin Wall

The meeting opened at 6:01 p.m. at the Hatfield Town Hall.

Michael Paszek moved and Diana Szynal seconded to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

George Ashley and Kevin Wall discussed involving the school in the 350<sup>th</sup> with foxfire type projects. Kevin Wall is the Civics teacher at Smith Academy and he would like to see these projects be assigned beyond just 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Bob Betsold moved and Paul Labbee seconded to make Diana Szynal the liaison for the school department. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Chief Stephen Gaughan was in to discuss Luminarium which will take place on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. He would like to order about 20 new signs to be placed throughout town announcing the Luminarium. He expects they will cost about \$300. Diana Szynal suggested using the new signs for the next two years with the 350<sup>th</sup> logo and then replacing them with new ones after the 350<sup>th</sup>. The Committee should purchase nice metal ones for future use after the 350<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony was discussed and it seems best to have the ceremony on the front steps of Town Hall as usual and they have people move over towards the cake for the lighting ceremony. The Luminarium date for 2020 will be December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ed Lesko informed the Committee that we should be using town vendors whenever possible and people should pay for expenses personally unless absolutely necessary.

Cher Nicholas gave a historical update. Cher and Bob Betsold met with the Hadley Historical Commission and they were very excited about all the plans in Hatfield. It has been proposed that on Incorporation Day, Hadley will forgo Mass at their church and will instead celebrate in Hatfield. Reverend Randy of the Congregational Church will coordinate this.

The Parade route was discussed. Michael Paszek and Paul Labbee will be meeting with Police Chief Dekoshak in January about the details. They have already met with Fire Chief Gaughan. They would like to start at Dwight Street and end at Szawlowski Farms on Main Street. They expect to have 8 or 9 divisions. The final route will be set by the end of January. Paul met with Rick's Porta-Potty. He estimates that 2 handicap and 13 regular porta-potty's will cost about \$1730. They will be needed for other events as well. Amherst Trucking will provide trash barrels, but they will not clean up. Barrels should be at the beginning and end of the parade route and near any food trucks. It was decided to ask Sheriff Cahillane if he can provide help with clean-up. Michael informed the Committee of several units that will be in the parade. He also said that at 1:30 p.m. there will be a 2 plane flyover. Michael said that the Hatfield Hellion will be in the beginning and the end of the parade and will have supervision as it does its tricks. The viewing stand will be on a flatbed truck. Paul estimates we will need about \$1200 for an adequate sound system. Antique cars will be limited to 20 and tractors to 15. They will arrange to have two cranes with a large American flag over Main Street at the School Street Intersection. The flag will cost about \$432.60. All local politicians will be invited to march. They estimate will should have about 6 food trucks along the parade route. Golf carts and radios will need to be

secured. All volunteers will need to have color coordinated t-shirts and hats. Anna Holhut will look into insurance issues. There will be additional parade updates at future meetings.

The big birthday cake is here and assembled. Everything went great with the transport. Tim Paciorek is working on the electrical wiring. Westek is making the topper. Of the 56 carnations, 20% will be logos and the rest will be photos of historical sites. Bob Betsold informed the Committee that he is almost ready to begin selling candles as a fundraiser.

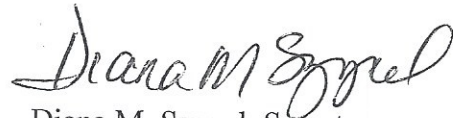
There are on 26 Gala tickets still available.

There was no marketing update.

The Summer Celebration was discussed. A tug-of-war and a muster were suggested.

Bob Betsold moved and Paul Labbee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana M. Szynal, Secretary