

# **Tercentennial Planning Committee Minutes**

**October 4, 2018, 3:00pm**

**Attendees:** Carol Kauffman, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Marge Devine, Joel Glass, Ellen Snyder, Jeannie Madden, Maddy Joyce, Katie Han

**Staff:** Erin Cadigan

## **Approval of Minutes from September 2018 meeting**

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as read.

## **Events/Activities Update**

Erin recapped events held in September.

- September 8, Town Landing Waterfront Bash was a huge success. Erin estimated 800-1000 attended though Ellen thought the number was higher. The weather was perfect and the feedback very positive. The Library received a donation of \$286 from proceeds of ice cream offered by Town Landing. The Police Department received a monetary donation from the kettle corn provider, part of the proceeds from their sales
- September 16, "A Deserted and Conquered Country: Falmouth's Tumultuous Birth," lecture by Zachary Bennett, Lunt Auditorium at OceanView. About 60 people attended this lecture.
- September 26, Falmouth Historic Sites Guided Tour, hosted by Falmouth Parks and Community Programs and the Falmouth Historical Society. This tour was sold out and another is planned in October.
- September 27, Harvest Moon Farm Party to benefit Falmouth Land Trust. This event was well-attended, and they had beautiful weather. They thanked the Tercentennial Committee in their announcements for supporting the event through web-site, social media promotions and advertising.
- "Researching Falmouth's Quakers," presentation by Wayne Cobb. This repeat of a lecture held in February has been cancelled. The speaker has chosen to focus on his writing and research.
- The Story of Falmouth Traveling Exhibit is at Camden National Bank until the week of October 9 at which time it will be taken to the 1958 High School Class reunion activities.

Erin discussed upcoming events in October.

- October 6, Apple Day, Maine Audubon. This event will highlight the historic Apple Orchard at Maine Audubon.
- October 13, Annual Falmouth Fire-EMS Open House and Touch-a-Truck, Central Station, Bucknam Road
- October 13-14, Class of 1958 High School Reunion will showcase the traveling exhibit.
- October 16, "Writing and Researching Falmouth History," Annual Meeting of the Falmouth Historical Society will include a panel discussion featuring Marge Devine, Wayne Cobb and Larry Dyhrberg.
- October 17, Falmouth Historic Sites Guided Tour, hosted by Falmouth Parks and Community Programs and the Falmouth Historical Society. This tour is sold out and there is a waiting list.
- October 18, Annual Harvest Community Supper for Falmouth residents, to benefit Falmouth Food Pantry, Falmouth Congregational Church. This event will feature the grant-funded "History of Falmouth Congregational Church," a multi-media presentation hosted by Falmouth Congregational Church.
- October 27, Falmouth Police Department Open House will feature a costume contest.
- TBD. "The History of Falmouth," a play presented by Falmouth Schools Theater Department. It appears this event will take place in November.
- October Donate300: Falmouth Memorial Library, collecting hand-knit and store-bought hats, scarves, and mittens to benefit Falmouth Food Pantry. The library has already collected 86 items.

### **Incorporation Day Planning**

Erin spoke with Diane Moore and the Legion will be holding their ceremony on Sunday, November 11 at 1:00pm at the Memorial on Depot Road. Diane spoke with Legion members who indicated they would send a couple of members directly from their ceremony to the Incorporation Day event. Erin reiterated to them that Veterans Day remembrances would be part of the Incorporation Day event. Erin thought we could package the two events together as a more expansive way to mark Veterans Day and to perhaps give the ceremony at the memorial a boost in attendance. It was agreed that we should require reservations for this event so we can be better prepared for the turnout. Katie and Maddy had difficulty finding high school students interested in performing but will contact the chorus and band directors at the high school for possible ideas. Sandy will contact the elementary school choir director to see if a small group chorus would be interested in performing. The Oceanview Chorus will perform for 20 minutes. Erin presented a draft program including possible speakers and the themes on which they would speak. Invitations have gone out to Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Paul LePage, Cathy Breen, Teresa Pierce and Ed Crockett. Erin is also trying to contact Olympia Snowe's office. The Committee thought it would be nice to invite Florence McCann the holder of the Boston Cane and oldest Falmouth resident to the event. Erin will contact European Bakery for a cake and find out if they would also provide coffee. We want to limit the event to 75 minutes maximum

### **Very Merry, November 29-December 1**

Plans are underway for Very Merry. Jeannie said promotions are already underway for the 5K and the library is hosting a couch to 5K group to get people motivated.

### **Other Business**

Ellen reported that the calendar design is proceeding. Erin drafted a letter from the committee to include in it.

Carol reported that she and Erin picked up a painting of Underwood Springs from a former Falmouth resident who currently lives in York. The painting will be put on display in Town Hall, perhaps with historic artifacts from the Falmouth Historical Society.

Ellen reported that a Falmouth resident participating in a play entitled The Burning of Falmouth several years ago in Portland has offered to organize a reader's theater of the piece as part of Falmouth300 activities. Discussion ensued on whether this event could somehow be a final thank-you event, though concern was raised that the play focuses too much on Portland and should not be the finale of our year. Jeannie suggested the library could take on this event and perhaps do it at Lunt Auditorium, perhaps even in January. Ellen and Jeannie will coordinate. The discussion regarding a thank you event for sponsors was tabled for a later meeting.

It was agreed to postpone the Volunteer Fair to January due to the busy schedule in November. Jeannie will take the lead on this and contact participants.

The winner of the Move300 raffle for September was selected. The prize will be Falmouth300 merchandise.

### **Next Meeting Date: November 1, 2018**

### **Adjourn**

Notes prepared by:  
Erin Cadigan