

SOUTH WINDSOR 175th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Minutes

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July 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Brianna Dillman, Chairperson
Brenda Koboski, Vice-Chairperson
Josh Johnson
Natalie O'Brien
Madhu Reddy

Members Absent: Gavin Zhu

Others Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council

3. Public Input

None

4. Discussion Items

- Canceled Events

The 2020 Jubilee at Nevers Road Park has been canceled. The only date available in 2021 is October 9th. Brenda will call the South Windsor Park & Recreation Department to schedule that date and discuss further options with Ray Favreau.

- Printing/Memorabilia

The Committee had ordered t-shirts, sweatshirts, and a banner, which were all printed with the South Windsor 175th Anniversary logo for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, but they were never picked up. Brenda will pick up the order and deliver them to Brianna.

Brianna will put together possible memorabilia items that will be printed with the 175th Anniversary logo that can be sold or given away during the celebrations.

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4. Discussion Items (*Continued*)

- **Beautification Projects**

There was discussion about hanging banners, signs, wreaths, and ribbons throughout the Town. Brianna to take the lead on this item.

Natalie will talk with local nurseries on the type of trees to use for a tree planting.

The creation of a tour of different sites around Town with an interactive recording through YouTube that explains the history of the different sites and the importance of these different sites. Natalie to take the lead on this. This event could tie into the photo contest being held in conjunction with the South Windsor Library and Human Relations Commission.

The Committee discussed having a contest to decorate benches that are put throughout the Town. Brenda will contact Ray Favreau to discuss the program, and then the Town Manager can be contacted to discuss placement of the benches. Natalie will be involved in this item also.

- **Time Capsule**

Brenda stated that she would send out a list of possible items that could be included in the time capsule to the Committee. Ideas from Committee members and residents to be gathered also. Brenda requested Committee members to start saving newspapers, and she said she would research the cost of various sized time capsules.

Brianna informed the Committee that in September, Connecticut Valley Brewing Company plans to release a South Windsor 175th Anniversary Beer. Brianna will try to set up a date to present this to the Town through a Town Council Meeting.

Brianna stated that she would look for items to have the logo printed on and will bring back to the Committee.

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4. Discussion Items (Continued)

- Contests

Committee members reviewed the different ideas for contests such as the Bench Contest and Photo Contest.

Brianna suggested having some type of Art Contest.

Brenda brought forward the idea of holding an essay contest to be held for all age groups. The category could be based upon the age of the participants. The contest will be advertised through social media. Topics can be established for each age group.

A suggestion of the creation of a book with 175 pages was submitted. The book could be given to the Library as a historical document and could consist of the essays, and other documents from South Windsor's 175th Anniversary.

5. New Business/Additional Discussion Items

- Virtual Events/Community Engagement

Brianna suggested using funds to advertise as much as possible. The interactive trail walk will be the biggest virtual event that can be held at this time.

- 2021 Events

Brianna informed the Committee that there had been discussions about holding an event in 2021. Brenda explained to the Committee that she reserved October 9, 2021, for the date to hold Nevers Park and the Rotary Pavilion for the festival. The event may be a scaled-down version of what was being planned for 2020. Formal plans will be determined at a later date due to the possible restrictions in 2021 due to COVID-19. Brenda said she would confirm with Maneeley's for October 16, 2021, for the Gala. The format for this event can be determined at a later date.

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6. Task Assignments

Brianna - will look into all of the signage and printing. She will also look into where to get a tree for the tree planting and the location to plant a tree.

Natalie - will work on the benches and the passport for the Town tours. She will find out if there are benches available and will find out how the previous program was run.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

At 8:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Council Clerk