

LITCHFIELD'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Tarrant called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Other members present were Rosemarie Greco, Gerry Perusse, Arthur Coffill, Cleve Fuessenich, Peter Vermilyea, Lisa Losee, alternate member Janet Peterson, and Ex-Officio members Denise Raap and Ann Combs. Ex-Officio member Kathy Fields was absent.

Approval of Minutes of 10/21/19: Motion: Gerry Perusse moved to approve the minutes of the regular 10/21/19 meeting and A. Coffill seconded. All voted aye except Cleve, Peter and Lisa, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports on Assignments

a) Funding Update: J. Tarrant said the fireworks funding is \$1,005.17 in the hole, and L. Losee confirmed. He said there will be a \$500 donation coming soon from the Rotary Club as well as a sizeable donation from a Town entity that should cover the rest. L. Losee said there are still ornaments to sell. Any overage in funds will be donated to Park and Recreation. He did mention he was a little disappointed with the Rotary Club for being given an exclusive on the 300th anniversary logo and not using it, while others who requested it had to be turned down. There are still Rotary bags and hats for sale. J. Tarrant thought we might do a time capsule with our work outlined for the 350th noting our frustrations and burying it in back of the Town Hall.

Update on 2019 Activities: See following discussion.

General Discussion: J. Tarrant said this was a well-rounded committee that did great work. We lost Lynne Brickley as our Chairman early on when we were faced with pages of agendas and no decisions. It was a good decision to do different activities at different times of the year. It is a much different time than it was in 1969 when the bicentennial was planned for one long weekend with constant events. The kick-off on May 19th was successful as well as the Patriots Day celebration on Sept. 7th on the green. L. Losee said many people loved the fireworks by Pyrotechnico and would love to have them again. J. Tarrant said it would be much easier to do the second time than the first if Park and Rec wants to take it on. He said we spent \$6,000 for a less than 20 minute display, which anything over 20 minutes he was told loses the people's attention. Everyone thanked Jon for taking over as Chairman.

Vote to Dissolve Committee: No action was taken as the term expires in January, 2020.

Adjournment: Motion: A. Coffill moved to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. and G. Perusse seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. John McKenna was on hand to take a group photo and J. Tarrant provided refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Combs