

Town Centennial Committee
MINUTES/UPDATES
July 9, 2018

The Town Centennial Committee met at 7:25 PM in the Town Hall.

Members present: Bridget Hartman (chair), Julia Bellinger, Lisa Flores, Cathy Slesinger, Kathy Strom, and Ann Wild (secretary).

Bridget Hartman moved that the minutes/updates for both the May and June Committee meetings be approved. Cathy Slesinger seconded the motion, and the Committee approved both sets of minutes.

Projects/Events in Process

- The Committee briefly revisited the **Centennial Kick-Off Celebration** held on Sunday, June 1. For more details about the event, see the June 11 minutes/updates. Update: Photographs of the event, taken by Wicca Davidson and Lees Hartman, are posted on the Town's website under Residents/Photo Gallery.

The Committee discussed how the popular **Chevy Chase on My Mind** exhibit and the **house photos/histories** could be displayed during the July 4 Parade and Picnic. It was decided to move them, with permission of the staff, to the end of the Town Hall so tables could be set up for residents who wanted to eat inside that day. It was also suggested that the house photos/histories be hung at a later date in the Town Hall. Update: After July 4, Lisa Flores decided to keep the Chevy Chase on My Mind exhibit at her home for safekeeping so the Committee has the option to display it again in the future.

- The July 4 Parade and Picnic that featured the Committee's **Celebration of Long-Time Residents, two super-sized Centennial Celebration Cakes and hand-held paper fans with the Centennial logo** was a rousing success. Of the 24 long-time (50 years or more) residents, who had been identified by Ann Wild, 17 attended. Signs listing the 24 residents, along with their years of Town residency, were posted both inside the Town Hall and outside near the cake. Their years of Town residency ranged from 50-63 years.

Long-time residents who attended the event included Lisa Asher (63 years), Barbara Fendrick (59 years), Margie Wood (59 years), Ruth Fort (57 years), Carole and Robert Minor (57 years), Nancy Patkus (57 Years), Sandy Burk (56 years), Joan Hoover (55 years), Irving Kaminsky (54 years), John and Eileen Murtagh (51 years), John and Ellen Barnes (50 years), Eric and Lila Doll (50 years), and Ed Finn (50 years). Bedecked with boutonnieres, the honorees eagerly participated in cutting Centennial Cakes, each topped with the Centennial logo.

[Those who were unable to attend were Dee Harris (60 years), Bob Burk (57 years), Marilyn Hopkins (56 years), Janie Stirling (54 years), Sue Ellian (52 years), Anne deFontnouvelle (51 years), and Ann Lee (50 years).]

Thanks go to Ellen Ericson who coordinated the creation of the amazing Centennial Cakes and to Julia Bellinger, Lisa Flores, Bridget Hartman, and Cathy Slesinger who helped with set up and clean up for the event, distributed the festive fans, and served the cake to the 600-plus participants at the July 4 picnic. Community Relations Committees members Julie Stanish and Julie Trocchio also pitched in for the Centennial parts of the Independence Day celebration. The Committee hired Jay Mallin of Jay Mallin Photos as photographer for the event. Jay's photographs are posted on the Town's website under Residents/Photo Gallery.

Ann Wild proposed, and the Committee agreed, that she would put together a package for each of the 24 long-time residents that included a personalized certificate of congratulations on behalf of the Town, photo(s) of each of those who attended, the list of the 24 residents, the Centennial fan, and a personal note.

- Bridget Hartman and Kathy Strom will report to the Town Council at its Wednesday, July 11, meeting on their efforts to explore the possibility of using the **Lee Dennison bequest for a sustainable garden**. Bridget and Kathy have been working with Irene Lane, Sally Kelly, and Vicky Taplin from the Climate and Environment Committee to identify a location for the proposed garden at Zimmerman Park. The Committee hopes that groundbreaking for the garden could occur before the end of the Centennial year in April 2019.
- Kathy Strom agreed to request state and local officials to issue **proclamations congratulating the Town on its Centennial**.
- The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a **Fall Event** on Sunday, October 21, that would feature food over the years along with the talents of Town musicians. Update: On further investigation following the meeting, it became evident that planning such an event requires a much longer lead time and that many of the musicians may need to be paid. The Committee will consider whether to hold this event in the spring.
- The Committee briefly discussed the oral history project. Julia Bellinger offered to contact her sister, a videographer, whose firm produces family, business, and company histories. The Committee will discuss this possibility at its next meeting.
- Since there was no *Forecast* in August, the **Centennial Snippet** in September featured the early history of the 4-H Center. Thanks goes to Barbara Rose who is spearheading this regular *Forecast* feature.
- Discussion of the **time capsule** was postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wild

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12