# Town of Simsbury 350 Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Simsbury Public Library – Tariffville Program Room

#### **Present:**

Committee Members & Volunteers:

Cheryl Cook, Kris Barnett, Jeff Dornenburg, Deeg Mackay, Kathie Fallon, Steven Antonio, Anita Mielert, Polly Rice, Phil Hennig, Nydia Caruso, Karen DiMenna, Wendy LaMontagne, Hilda Sullivan, Mary Ellen Long, Eileen Higham, Adriane Heinrich, Susan Salina, Virginia Pepe

Town Staff: Tom Tyburski, Director of CP&R

**Call to Order/Minutes**: Meeting called to order by Chair Cheryl Cook at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of October 3, 2019 accepted with two corrections: Deeg's name was misspelled and under River Day description, the Flower Bridge will be open to the public.

## 1. **Opening Ceremonies** – Sunday, May 17, 2020, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

First Church of Christ, Windsor Fife & Drums

Buttons with logo = admission > tickets available at certain sites in town, location seats 400

Will be inviting CT elected dignitaries who will have ribbons on buttons

Governor speech, Honor Guard (SPD, Fire Dept.)

SHS conductor and singers for National Anthem

Vignettes from each century  $-16^{th} - 21^{st}$ 

Opening Ceremony – 1-1/2 hour

Preceremony festivities at 1:30 p.m., ceremony starts at 2:00 p.m.; 3:45 p.m. walk to park.

Bagpipes outside leading group to Hop Brook Park at the Flower Bridge to plant sycamore

Overflow - Palmer Hall - will need AV equipment

If rain - pop up tents - 4-100 serving cakes

Total budget \$5,000 – Need public gathering permit

Ambulance on site – Separate fee

Chief of PD coordinates with Governor security

Need pictures of vignettes for webpage

Can add this event to Facebook, start with Save the Date

**ACTION ITEMS:** How many volunteers are needed and what will they be doing?

Start to prepare Program content and design

**Identify permit specifications** 

2. **River Day** – Saturday, June 27, 2020, 10:00am – 2:00pm (Rain Date June 28)

Starting at Sycamore Tree, kayaking, canoe rentals, Collinsville Kayak & Canoe

Guided tours, guided hikes (Helen Peterson way)

Food trucks, DJ, Face Painting

Kids activities

Huck Finn River rafts, Boy Scouts to assist. Attorneys are looking at rules

Historical Society – native American learning stations

Drake Hill Flower Bridge will have activities. Others involved: Land Trust, Simsbury Grange,

SHS Crew Team and Volunteer Fire Department

# ACTION ITEMS: How many volunteers are needed and what will they be doing? Identify permit specifications

3. Septemberfest – Saturday, September 12, 2020, 11am – 10pm

Working with the Simsbury Performing Arts Center

11:00 a.m. – A parade will start the event and it will include floats

Volunteers are needed to work the gates – free admission for those wearing anything with Simsbury on it.

12-5 Local musical entertainment

5:30-7:30 p.m. Large popular show band performance.

7:30-8:00 p.m. Fireworks

8:00-10:00 p.m. Big band performance

Day time – trivia events, vendors, expo vendors, possible carnival rides, incorporate Simsbury history throughout the day

Looking for a carnival vendor

# ACTION ITEMS: How many volunteers are needed and what will they be doing? Identify permit specifications

4. Closing event – TBD (end of October/ early November before Election Day)

# 5. Social Media/Publicity

- Sponsorship post boosted for increased outreach continue to share on FB
- Master Calendar on town website done by Main St. Partnership
- Monies have been promised by a good number of businesses. We've raised ½ of what we need for our events.

#### Merchandise -

- Sponsorship packages to approach businesses. There will also be different sponsorship levels for community members
- Need volunteers to solicit businesses for sponsorship

• Goal – merchandise will be for sale at Simsbury Celebrates (Saturday, November 30, 2019) 5:00-8:00 p.m. – need volunteers. Merchandise available on line and at the Historical Society

## **Commitments -**

• Scavenger Hunt, Rock Painting, Painting Adirondack Chairs, Garden Club Tour

## **6. New Business:**

- Beard Contest Jeff D. will talk to Roosters
- "Taste of Simsbury" Restaurant Week
- Rosedale will be doing a Farm to Table Dinner in recognition of Simsbury's 350 and their own 100 year anniversary.
- Look for Statues next summer to coincide with the town's Anniversary

**Next Meeting Date**: Thursday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tariffville Room at the Simsbury Public Library Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted

Polly Rice