

Nation's 250th Committee Minutes
February 22, 2024

Members Present: Patricia Jenkins, Marian Kelsey, Scott Bugbee, Laura Gund, Sandi Jenkins

Members Absent: Janet Allen, Clara Kustra

Guest Present: Dave Miner

- I. Call to Order 4:40 p.m.
- II. At the last Agriculture Commission meeting, Laura Gund spoke about the 250th Committee's discussion about asking Dave Miner to carve a "totum" or historically relevant statue for (potential) display at the Lee Town "triangle". As a result, Dave Miner came to the meeting to discuss. He brought with him a sample sculpture (clay model) of a "colonial girl". Mr. Miner discussed his idea of having a sculpture capturing "a moment in time", suggesting two colonial children (i.e. girl jumping rope, boy playing with a hoop) approximately 2 feet tall. The Committee liked the suggestion. Further discussion involved placement of the statues. Perhaps display at the Town Green for a short period of time and move to a more secure spot. The Committee asked Mr. Miner to continue to develop his idea and work up a 3D model for future review. Mr. Miner agreed and left the meeting.
- III. Secretary's Report
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 - B. Approval of Minutes from 1/11/2024

Reviewed and accepted the draft minutes.
Scott Bugbee moved to accept approved minutes. Laura Gund seconded.
Approved 5-0.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Budget
 - i. Scott Bugbee reinforced that the the Select Board has approved \$1,000 requested for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for incidentals/supplies and, if the Town votes to pass the operating budget in March, the Committee will have an additional \$5,000 that will be kept separate in the Heritage Commission's budget.
- V. Discussion
 - A. Historic Town Celebration Records

Committee tabled future discussion.

B. Banner / Logo Design

Pat Jenkins spoke briefly with Amy Daskal regarding her conversation with Laura Gund about logo and banner design and subsequent invitation to attend a Committee meeting. Ms. Daskal is was not available to attend the February meeting. Laura Gund will continue to pursue the opportunity have Ms. Daskal attend a meeting.

C. Advertising

Pat Jenkins reported that Bob Cabral has agreed to assist with advertising/public relations for Committee activities/events, if the Committee gives him information to post.

D. Memmorabilia

Scott Bugbee will ask Janet Wall if the State will be issuing commemorative coins and/or lapel pins.

The Committee agreed to pursue printing hats, t-shirts, and aprons. Discussion about what to print on hats, t-shirts and aprons. Suggestions included a flag from 1787 that can be sewn on. Laura Gund will contact Lori Weiss to get some ideas.

Laura Gund talked about someone she knows who makes pens out of tree wood. Potential of printing "Nation's 250th" or "Lee the People" or "1776-2026" on the pen. Laura Gund to get a sample for the Committee to see.

Scott Bugbee suggested providing small flags for kids to waive along the parade route.

E. Website Design

Committee tabled future discussion.

F. Re-Enactors

Scott Bugbee reported that Jen & Greg Roy no longer do re-enacting; however, they are willing to do demonstrations, i.e. colonial dress, medicines, household duties, etc.

Scott will contact the First NH Regiment re-enactors to discuss coordinating an event to be held in 2026 (i.e. encampment, participation in the parade, or both) and what the cost would be.

G. Flags

Marian Kelsey will contact the flag company in Greenland, NH to see if they have any information regarding our nation's flag display similar to

the “flag man” display that was set up at the 1976 bi-centennial celebration.

H. “Lee Remembers”

Scott Bugbee asked Dave Miner if he would be willing to recreate the “Frank Jones” character that he played at the 2016 celebration event. Dave will consider doing this. Program could include a “rememberance circle”, under the pavillion at Little River Park, set up as a casual, comfortable way for people to remember Lee events and people. Scott Bugbee suggested working with the Fair Committee to coodinate an event in conjunction with the Lee Fair.

I. Mast Tree Felling

The Committee will ask Jan Allen to investigate partnering with the Mast Way School to hold an event. Perhaps Don Quigley would be interested in assisting.

J. Partnering with Town Committees & Commissions

Laura Gund reported that the Agriculture Commission is interested in co-sponsoring events. Laura will talk about opportunities at their next meeting (i.e. bean supper at the Grange).

The Committee will review the list of Lee’s Committees, Commissions (see 2023 Town of Lee Annual Report list attached) and other organizations, such as scouts, 4-H, church for potential partnership opportunities.

K. 2026 Parade

a. Marching Bands

Table discussion for future meeting.

b. Floats

Sandi Jenkins to review and present feedback on initial first draft of a letter from the Committee asking local businesses to support sponsorship.

VI. Closing Actions

A. Adjournment

Scott Bugbee motioned to adjourn. Laura Gund seconded the motion.
Approved 5-0
Meeting adjourned 6:01 pm.