

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the meeting of the Borough of Newtown Bicentennial Committee meeting on **Thursday, February 23, 2023**, in the Borough office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Burgess Sarah Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Burgess Sarah Phillips, Jessica Ragusa, Maureen Crick Owen, Daina Smith, Kathy Gardner, Betsy Kenyon

**Absent:** Stephanie Gaston

Committee spoke about past things Newtown has done for milestone anniversaries, Bicentennial, Tercentennial 2005.

Noted actual date of Borough Bicentennial: May 2024

Discussion of Businesses and Organizations in town to involve. People, Ben Cruson, Town Historian. C.H. Booth Library's new Museum. Matthew Curtis House, Historical Society.

Brainstorming ideas. Discussion of type of celebration, Main Street Festival, spoke about the Christmas Festival that happens on Main Street the first weekend in December as a visual. Bring in historical nods, May Day Celebration. Something where families are welcome. Discussed having a more formal event in the evening. Labor Day Parade involvement, possibly. Involving Rams Pasture as a location, kite flying or Hot air balloons. Newtown Themed Art Show. Field Trip Type tour for kids, mimicking what Hawley School does. Left it with the committee to think about the ideas that flew around, will revisit at the next meeting to pare down and see what has weight.

Create an Instagram or Facebook Page to promote once we secure a plan. Build a logo.

Borough will contribute, will need to sell tickets and get sponsors depending on our financial needs.

**The meeting of the Borough of Newtown Bicentennial Committee will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7:30p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.**

**There being no further business, Burgess Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.,** seconded by XXX XXX and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Burgess Sarah Phillips