

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the meeting of the Borough of Newtown Bicentennial Committee meeting on **Thursday, March 23, 2023**, in the Mary Hawley Room 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

Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting.
Jessica Ragusa seconded, unanimously approved

Sarah Phillips, has a local graphic design artist to design a logo, she is expecting to have designs done at the next meeting.

Daina Smith spoke to Christi at Marygolds on Main. They are interested in accommodating the evening celebration. Daina will follow up and get more details, and firm up available dates and costs.

Discussion of guest list, and how to structure the invitation, evite vs. paper. Maureen Crick Owen will ask some key people how the Newtown Tercentennial was structured, and noted that Monroe is also celebrating their Bicentennial this year, we can keep an eye on that.

Discussion on other costs associated with an evening celebration.

Festival celebration discussion; Maureen reported on Food trucks, they need permits but there is an approved list. Other Permits associated with an Street Festival would be permits needed for use of Main Street as well as permission from homeowners whose property is being used.

Discussion of how to use social media to get the word out. Sponsorship discussion, who to approach, how to structure.

Maureen spoke to Pat Bailey of Newtown's Women's Club: Pat Bailey agreed to do the ornament with our logo design.

Maureen Crick Own was in touch with Bronson Hawley: Hawley descendent, discussion of how to honor the Hawley Family.

Labor Day Parade interest. Discussion of how to involve parade.

School interest. Discussion of how to involve schools.

Kathy Gardner suggested get the kids involved in doing Borough themed art.

Discussed how to get this going.

Maureen Crick Owen spoke with Matt Arinello at CC & Amy Mangold Park & Rec. They had suggestions about the festival.

Jessica Ragusa suggested to Map out Main Street and what festival events go where, who we are going to ask for yard usage. Prepare idea & ask for permission.

Sarah Phillips opened discussion of what are we going to leave behind. Planters were a suggestion brought to Sarah earlier in the process of building this idea.

Sarah Phillips will start to research planters idea.

The meeting of the Borough of Newtown Bicentennial Committee will be held on Thursday, May 18, 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 8:15 p.m., seconded by Maureen Crick Owen and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Burgess Sarah Phillips