

Minutes Bicentennial Committee

Thursday, November 3, 2005

6:00 P.M. Vernon Town Hall, Mayors Office, 14 Park Place Vernon CT 06066

Attendees: Commission members: Richard Bowman, Chet Morgan, Carl Schaffer, Liz Stevenson

Staff: Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Mayor, Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator

1. The committee decided that an ad hoc task force, organized and chaired by the Mayor, entitled “The General Committee for the Vernon Bicentennial” would provide oversight to all of the activities associated with the bicentennial effort.
2. The committee reviewed the various functions required of a successful bicentennial, and felt the appointment of appropriate subcommittees would be the preferable approach.
3. Event planning. The committee decided that three separate parades is preferable, two smaller parades in Rockville and Talcottville, followed by the large parade in Vernon going down Route 83.
4. Funding was discussed and it was hoped that the Town of Vernon would provide 50% of the funding and that the total budget for all activities could be in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00. Relative to fund raising, a number of activities were discussed, to include the striking of a coin, the preparation of an advertising book, the Town appropriation, the sale of afghans, and the creation of a Town flag.
5. Relative to the organizing of a parade, it was felt that it would take 14 to 16 months lead time in order to organize a great parade.
6. The committee decided to contact Ardis Abbott in order to discuss George Brooke’s book *Cascades and Courage*, and to ascertain whether an update to that book might be appropriate at this time.
7. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 1, at 5:30 in the Mayor’s office.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator