

The City of West Haven
Centennial Celebration Committee

Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2021

4:00 pm

Those in attendance: Mayor Rossi, David Richards, Chief O'Brien, Councilman Cohen, Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton, Sandy McCauley, Steven Johnstones, Lou Esposito, Councilman Gary Donovan, Dr. Farquharson, Diane Dietman, Colleen Bailie, Deputy Chief Michael Esposito, Ruth Torres, Sharon Mancini, Michael Last, Chief Steve Scafariello, Kathleen Welk, Patty Stevens, Councilman Quagliani, Mark Paine, Arlene Painter, Representative Charles Ferraro and Beth Sabo

Centenarians: Sharon Mancini reported on contacting to Area Agency on Aging regarding locating West Haven Centenarians. There is will be an article placed on the City's website and FACEBOOK page looking for residents who are or will be 100 years old in 2021. Beth mentioned that she received a phone call from a gentleman who lives in West Haven who has a band and he himself will be 100 this year.

Hubbard Farm Park: Steven Johnstones gave a presentation on the proposed activities at Hubbard Farm Park.

Date: Saturday, June 26 11:00am-4:00pm
Rain Date: Sunday, June 27 11:00am-4:00pm

There will be local food vendors (Health Dept. approved) and 10% of the profits will be given to the Centennial Committee. The Hubbard Association will provide a historical exhibit with original photographs going back 100 years. There will be historical artifacts such as tractor parts, hand tools, wedding dress etc. A shuttle will be used from Seth Haley and Pagels School.

Sponsorship/History Booklet: The booklet was recommended to be done not only in print, but also in a digital version. Dann Shine will provide his six part centennial series to be included plus any of his other historical articles. There was a suggestion made to contact Herlin Press and see if they would also participate in this venture.

Schools Involvement: Rotary Club of West Haven and the West Haven Schools. Colleen Bailie will get in touch with the Superintendent. A mural and a history project was discussed.

Centennial Coin: Prices are being secured for the manufacturing of the Centennial Coin



The City logo will be on one side and the Centennial Logo on the other.

Centennial Website: If you go to the City of West Haven website and look under “Quick Links” you will see the W.H. Centennial. This will list the calendar of events, articles, and history. The contributing members to this page will be Mike Walsh and Dan Shine. In addition we intend on adding #Monday Motivation, #Tuesday Trivia, #Wednesday Wisdom, #Thursday Thoughts or #Fun Fact Friday.

Local Business Involvement: Beth indicated that she could not find the foundry in Milford for the fiberglass carousel horses. Patty Stevens recommended that we possibly use a cut out of wood to be painted. Diane Dietman has come forward to work with the high school in the creation of these wooden carousel horses.

Fireworks: Sandy McCauley addressed the issue of fireworks and scheduling them in September instead of July. The dates of September 4th and September 18th was discussed. Beth expressed concern with the September 4th date as it is Labor Day weekend. This weekend usually brings challenges of its own.

West Haven City Council: Members of City Council were asked to think about a good nature interaction and legislative event with the Town of Orange. I have asked that Representative Charles Ferraro be involved as he also represents the Town of Orange. And Milford.

West Haven Child Development Center: Welcome bags for newborns during 2021

Old Business: Future Meetings have been listed

New Business: Looking into the possibility of adding a piece of granite at the base of the flagpole at City Hall and engraving the Centennial Logo. It was asked if Rotary might take this on as a project. It was believed that Rotary installed the original granite engravings.

City will have new banners produced with the Centennial Logo. In addition, the city vehicles will bear a decal with the logo and city stationery will be modified to include the logo.

University of New Haven’s “West Fest” and their involvement with the Centennial Celebration

NEXT MEETING: February 25th at 4:00 pm.