

Minutes January 9, 2008

350th Committee

In attendance:

Tracy Comtois
Kate Simpson
Barbara Clancy

Pauline Merrick
Carolyn Murray
Ron Couture

Notes from the Steering Committee:

- In 2009 or 2010 it is hoped that each town could sponsor a month-long historic tour of points of interest. This would take a total of 6 months. This had been done for Brookfield's celebration in 1989 and the pamphlet is still around and available.
- Brookfield can use the Quaboag logo, but only for things associated with the whole celebration and not just Brookfield things.
- On January 24, 2008 there is a meeting of the ball committee. It will be held at 7:00 at the West Brookfield Town Hall.
- The parade committee is chaired by Madeline Arn. There will be 6 main units, one from each town. There will be banners to introduce each unit. (Could we have a group of people dressed like cows, more specifically brown cows like Elsie?)
- This October, around the 20th-30th, Charles Prichard from Pasadena, California will be in town. He has invited all the descendants of the original 14 families to visit this area then.
- www.quaboag2010.com -the main web-site for this.
- Pauline Merrick is in charge of keeping the overall calendar for all towns.
- The Steering Committee will be having a booth at all events held.

Looked over old brochures and pamphlets from previous celebrations.

There is \$1000 seed money for the Brookfield Committee to spend before the end of June. Something should be planned soon so we don't lose the money. Perhaps something could be done this summer as a kick-off. Maybe there could be a piggy-back off the firefighter's chicken BBQ on Father's Day. Perhaps there could be a midway like Belchertown did last year. Maybe there could be a block party. A petting zoo is another idea.

Other fundraiser ideas are tote bags and magnets as well as Cat's Meows of logos. Prices will be checked and brought to the next meeting.

Quaboag Old Brookfield path planned. Ron is involved. Trails will be built through Audubon land. It will include sites from the 1st and 2nd settlements. Perhaps there will be a marathon through there.

350TH Anniversary of Quaboag Plantation Committee
Minutes: February 5, 2008

In attendance:

Donald Faugno
Tracy Comtois
Pat Capobianco
Kate Simpson

Approved minutes of January 9, 2008.

Set next meeting date for March 12 at 7:00.

Kate brought two sample tote bags for review. Tote bags could be sold at events like Concerts on Common, Town Meeting, Election, and Apple County Fair.

Tracy brought in prices for magnets.

The Cat's Meow of Quaboag plantation was brought up.

The issue of using the logo and keeping profits still needs to be clarified.

There was a motion to spend up to \$500 on 250 tote bags and a motion to spend up to \$450 on magnets subject to availability for Brookfield Committee to use profits for further fundraising. Motion was passed.

It would be looked into as how to get the funds from the committee's account to pay for the magnets and tote bags.

There were questions raised about the creation of a revolving account so funds wouldn't need to be spent by a deadline date.

There is \$1000 seed money in the Committee's account. Could we request another \$1000 in an article during town meeting? Was it too late?

Does the Steering Committee already have brochures made up for distribution? Could we use those too? Do we need to make our own? It would be nice to have these for distribution when selling magnets and tote bags.

Bob Wilder had a series of tapes on Brookfield history. Should he be contacted about airing those on cable? Perhaps the committee could sponsor a historical presentation by him.

Next session should be a working session where we review information on important historical aspects of Brookfield. The 1989 "Historic Tour of Old Brookfield" could be reviewed and updated. The possibility of meeting in library was discussed.

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno
Carolyn Murray
Pat Capobianco
Pauline Merrick

Tracy Comtois
Barbara Clancy
Linda Lincoln



Minutes from February meeting will not be approved until next time because not everybody had a copy.

To clarify- whatever money the Brookfield Committee makes from fundraisers will stay in a separate account within the Town of Brookfield. We will need to request fund transfers at a town meeting.

Don did put in an article for the town meeting requesting \$1000.

The \$1000 we have now can be carried over past June 30.

It is hoped the tote bags and magnets will be available for sale at town election and town meeting. Permission to sell things is granted from the town clerk.

Discussion followed of procedure for ordering tote bags and magnets. A copy of the logo needs to be obtained from Ron Couture.

The Steering Committee says that the Brookfield Committee can use the logo for anything, it just can't be altered.

There are various maps available that can be used when we create the Historic Tour publication. It was brought up that we will need to consider which one we will use.

It was discussed inviting Bob Wilder to join our next meeting.

North Brookfield is creating a trifold publication of historic places. One possibility is having all the towns use a similar format for their Historic Tour publications. Who could create one?

There is a publicity brochure being created at the Steering Committee level that can be used by all town committees. It should be ready by May.

Don brought in and shared a binder of historic Brookfield photos.

The next few meetings will be held at the Brookfield Library.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:00 in the library.

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno

Carolyn Murray

Pat Capobianco

Tracy Comtois

Barbara Clancy

Kate Simpson



February and March minutes were approved.

Next meeting will be May 14, 2008 at 7:00 at the library. Bob Wilder will be invited to discuss the various historical sites in town.

It was discussed that there was a warrant placed on the town warrant for more money for next year.

Neither the tote bags nor the magnets were ordered yet because the logo had not yet been obtained.

There was much discussion about the historical tour. Points to consider include:

Should there be one tour or several?

Should we do a center of town tour or a whole town tour?

Should there be a send-off from the Common with a self-guided tour map?

What about private property sites that property owners do not want shown?

Should there be a guided part of the tour?

How to make it saleable?

Should we include a scavenger hunt?

Should we do the tour more than once? Which years?

What should we include on the tour?

We examined a map made of Quaboag Plantation by Bob Wilder (dated 1986). There were many sites listed in the original Plantation area and in the land outside of the original Plantation but still in the towns. Sites include those of historical significance, mill and technical sites, and manmade historical objects. We concentrated the discussion on sites in Brookfield, more specifically triangles 14, 12, 46, and 47; and squares 6, 1, 5, and 7. Due to the massive amount of possible information, when Mr. Wilder does come in, the discussion should center on the sites that we will include on our tour.

Pat will sell magnets and tote bags at the town election and town meeting if they are ready by then. The tote bags will sell for \$5.00 and the magnets for \$2.00.

Tracy is to get the Bob Wilder map enlarged for the next meeting.

It was discussed that at some point, perhaps the June meeting, we could meet at the Quaboag Museum in West Brookfield. Don will check on the possibility of meeting there on either June 18 or June 25.

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno
Carolyn Murray
Pat Capobianco
Matt Custer
Linda Lincoln

Tracy Comtois
Barbara Clancy
Kate Simpson
Ron Couture
Bon Wilder



April minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be June 11, 2008 at 7:00 at the Brookfield library.

The meeting began with a presentation of the copies of the map of "Greater Brookfield" done by Bob Wilder in 1986-1987 which details 'Historical Sites 1660 thru late 19th Century.' One full size copy was made as well an enlargement of the town of Brookfield. Letter size copies were made of both the Greater Brookfield map and the Brookfield enlargement. The key was retyped and also distributed. These maps were put onto a computer CD.

Mr. Wilder gave his permission for us to further reprint the map for possible resale. He told us that awhile ago West Brookfield had sold copies of the map for \$8.00 and copies of the accompanying key for \$.50. They sold about 300.

In years prior, Mr. Wilder, under the Brookfield Historical Society, has given tours of Brookfield. These have been done in various ways, including car caravans and bus. He has also given walking tours of the town common. (One recent walking tour took 40 minutes to complete.)

Lizak Bus Company, McCarthy, or the bus company the school uses are possibilities for buses that could be used for a town tour.

There was a lot of discussion about possible sites to include on the Historical Tour of Brookfield. Mr. Wilder explained that there are more historical sites of significance in Brookfield in addition to those listed on his map, but he limited himself to the inclusion of 100 important sites throughout all of Greater Brookfield (which includes several towns besides Brookfield). Mr. Wilder discussed many of the sites he had listed that pertained to our interests.

Uncertainty continues over what type of tour could be done. There is the possibility of a walking tour, self-guided tour, or a bus-type tour. During the next meeting, the goal will be to make solid decisions about the tour so that other ideas can be explored.

It was decided that we would not request money during the next town meeting.

There is money (\$25,000) that is being requested at the state level for the Steering Committee of the Quaboag 350th Anniversary Committee.

There are several additional grants that could be utilized, including: the Jeppson Fund, Cultural Council (deadline in October), and the Community Club.

The Brookfield Historical Commission is restoring an 1855 map that could be possibly used as a souvenir for sale. Perhaps all the old maps could be copied into one atlas for sale.

Could we make and sell a Monopoly game of historic Brookfield or Quaboag Plantation?

Brookfield and surrounding towns will soon be beginning their concerts on the common and we could sell our products there. Ron has a large canvas logo that we could use.

If we get the Steering Committee copies of our magnet and tote bag they can place them for sale on their website, but there is some confusion over how the shipping would work.

Towns can post information on the Steering Committee's website.

The parade chairperson would like two volunteers from each town to help direct the day of the parade. Each town will have its own division for the parade. The towns will march according to the date they became towns. Brookfield will march first.

There was discussion over the work done and the article written by Barker Keith. Many of the artifacts (over 10,000) that he uncovered are currently in the Springfield Museum of Natural History.

There are many other original artifacts from Brookfield and Quaboag Plantation, but where are they?

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno
Carolyn Murray
Pat Capobianco
Ron Couture

Tracy Comtois
Barbara Clancy
Kate Simpson
Bill Simpson



May minutes were approved with one correction, Brookfield Historical Society was changed to Brookfield Historical Commission.

The next meeting will be July 9, 2008 at 7:00 at the Brookfield library. The August meeting will be on August 13 at 7:00 at the library.

Kate has the tote bags. Some were dropped off at the town hall and Tip Top store. They are being sold for \$5.00. The magnets are in. They will be sold for \$2.00. Some will be brought to the town hall and Tip Top store.

West Brookfield is having a tag sale on June 21 from 9-3. Ron will make some signs. Ron, Don, and Tracy will spend time there promoting Brookfield and selling merchandise.

We have a donation account. Don has the book and will deposit money when we get some.

The Steering Committee has merchandise for sale, especially clothing items.

The possibility of selling other things was discussed. Possible items include:

- Cat's Meow (Spooner's Well or Olde Post Road mile marker)
- Arcadia book on Brookfield- Dennis Lebow had done one already and Ron will call about maybe having it reissued.
- 2010 calendar- Ron has the old one on disk. It has historical dates already on it.
- Coffee cups
- Atlas of maps
- Slates- Screen printed? Stenciled?
- Stationary such as writing cards

Could we apply for one of the grants as seed money for a possible fundraising activity?

The Ball Committee has decided to have the ball on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the West Brookfield Town Hall. It will have a costume component. Further details will be forth coming.

The Steering Committee would like to keep events in 2010 itself.

The parade will be in September of 2010. The Steering Committee is looking for **at least** two volunteers from each town to help with the parade. They would like these volunteers to come forth soon. They would be responsible for helping to plan the parade as well as help organize

and direct the day of the parade. The theme has not yet been solidified, but it has been determined that the towns will each have their own section and the order of marching will be determined by the date each town was incorporated; Brookfield will therefore go first. Each town would be responsible for depicting the famous characters from their respective towns. Groups that might want to participate in the parade should be contacted sooner rather than later with at least a short informational note so that they could start thinking and planning their involvement. The possibility of drafting a letter at the July meeting was discussed. Ron has Quaboag stationary that the letters could be written on. A complete list of town businesses can be obtained through the town hall. A quick brainstorm of other groups and organizations included:

- Tantasqua- band
- Nanatomqua
- Wagon Wheel
- Brookfield Meadows
- Elementary School
- Quaboag Lake Association
- Elm Hill
- Garden Club
- Senior Citizen Group
- Council on Aging
- Friends of the Library
- Historical Commission
- Churches
- Birds (Frederick Ober)
- Scouts
- Sports/ Recreation
- Town Departments
- Restaurants
- Brookfield Motors- cars
- Custom Pallet
- Cemetery Commission

In October 2008, the descendants of the original families will be visiting the area. On one day, probably the 16th, they will be having a program at Salem Cross in the morning. In the afternoon, there may be a BBQ and program on Foster Hill. Neither will be a public event. They may come again in 2010.

There may be a Native American encampment in 2010. The Nipmuc Indians are interested in being involved.

The Jeppson Fund has a deadline of July 17. We will further discuss applying for a grant, perhaps for an atlas of Brookfield maps,

The Steering Committee is selling 500 raffle tickets to the Red Sox game on September 28, 2008. The tickets are \$20. The winner will win two tickets, a \$50 gift card to a Boston

restaurant, and limousine transportation. Ron has the tickets and he can be reached at 867-4465. The drawing will take place as soon as all the tickets are sold.

Kate will sell magnets and tote bags at Brookfield concerts on the common. People are invited to join her to help.

The Brookfield section of the Quaboag website is available for our use. We could put information about what we are selling on there.

Kate will draft something for inclusion into area newspapers announcing the sale of our items.

Minutes of 350th meeting of July 9, 2008



Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Faugno advised that the totes and magnets didn't sell well in West Brookfield – the Quaboag Plantation Committee was there also with several articles of clothing to sell. Raffle tickets for the ball game didn't do well either. However, Mr. Faugno turned in \$50 in proceeds. It was decided to put articles into local newspapers about the event and the sale of the items. The items will be sold at all the concerts on the common this summer also.

Mr. Faugno is going to produce 12 articles to appear in the Brookfield Citizen based on some newspapers of the Brookfield Times from 1909.

Mr. Couture to get information to put the sale items on the Quaboag Plantation website.

Mr. Couture advised that he had talked with Dennis LeBeau relative to reprinting the Brookfields' photo book. It would be expected that Mr. LeBeau would receive approximately a 10% profit. There was discussion relative to maybe putting out a new book with just the Brookfield section and adding pictures from other sources. Ms. Casey will check with Ms. Plaine regarding the use of some of her pictures. Mr. Couture said he had the original negatives of many of the pictures previously used.

A generic letter will be sent to groups in town concerning the parade to be held in September of 2010. There was some confusion over the exact date and what the criteria is for the floats. Mr. Couture will find out the exact information.

Mr. Faugno will check on the maps that exist for publication relative to their copyright dates, etc. Mr. Couture suggested checking the Library of Congress website for the information on copyrights and Mr. Faugno said he would check with Brenda at the library first.

Next meetings will be on August 13 and September 10. Mr. Couture will check his schedule to see if one of them can be held at Elm Hill.

The finance committee of the Quaboag Plantation will be sending out solicitation letters to corporations for funding the events of 2010.

Mr. Couture said that he had met with the Nipmuck Nation and their counsel and it is hoped that there will be a meeting, dialogue and a handshake among the descendants of the original settlers and the Indian nation at an event to be held at the Salem Cross on October 16.

Meeting over at 8:30

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno
Carolyn Murray
Pat Capobianco
Ron Couture

Tracy Comtois
Barbara Clancy
Kate Simpson
Pauline Merrick



June and July minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be September 10, 2008 at 7:00 at the Brookfield library.

\$164 was collected from the sale of magnets and tote bags.

It was decided that during the September meeting the following items would be discussed:

- Apple Country Fair (October 11)
- The State Primary (Pat offered to sell)
- When and where we'll meet for the winter
- A letter to contact area businesses regarding the parade (Kate will draft)

The 2010 parade was discussed. One thing that was questioned is how certain historical people and events would be divvied up, would it be first come first served?

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno
Carolyn Murray
Kate Simpson

Tracy Comtois
Barbara Clancy



August minutes were approved with one correction- Presidential Primary was changed to State Primary.

The next meeting will be October 1, 2008 at 7:00 at the Brookfield library.

\$25 was collected from the sale of magnets and tote bags.

Kate showed us a copy of the parade letter from Madeline Arn.

Parade:

- Kate reviewed a draft of a contact letter to Brookfield businesses introducing 2010 parade and detailing information on float entries.
- An article will be put into the *Brookfield Citizen* about parade floats for the November issue with a follow-up article in the February issue.
- A copy of the letter will be put into the Town Hall mailboxes.
- A copy of the letter will be distributed by mail/hand delivery in October. Tracy will type a list of businesses and addressed. Some possible inclusions were brainstormed.
- Kate will set-up an email for the Brookfield Committee.
- Don will be the contact person for the parade letter.
- Don will contact the superintendent of Tantasqua for information on how to reserve the Tantasqua band for the Brookfield division of the parade.

Brookfield Historic Day

- Reviewed flyer
- May 8, 2010- a possible date?
- Scavenger Hunt- maybe architectural for children
- Photo Contest- multi-media contest
- Bus prices
- Presenters: Bob Wilder, Debrah Navas

Apple Country Fair- October 11, 2008 from 10-4

Brookfield's 350th Quaboag Plantation Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2008

In attendance:

Don Faugno
Barbara Clancy
Kate Simpson

Tracy Comtois
Pat Capobianco



August and September minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2008 at 6:00 at the Brookfield library.

Apple Country Fair:

- We have a space by center of the field
- If it rains, the event will be at Brookfield Elementary
- Invite the Steering Committee to join us
- Copy the flyer that was made
- Tracy to take starter money
- Do not accept checks

Election:

- November 4 at the Elementary School
- Don to set-up a table

Miscellaneous:

- We can copy maps if we have the original
- Sturbridge recently had a Big Truck Day that we could incorporate into our Historic Day
- Tantasqua Band contacted but not formalized yet
- Kate to email *The Brookfield Citizen* the letter about parade

Minutes of 350th Anniversary Meeting

November 12, 2008 at 6 p.m. At Brookfield Library



In Attendance:

Don Faugno

Carolyn Murray

Kate Simpson

Barbara Clancy

Pat Capobianco

New and Old Business:

1. Discussed regular meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month. No meeting in December – next meeting on January 14, 2009 – snow date the 21st. All meetings to be at 6 p.m. At the library
2. Minutes of last two meetings approved. Moved by C. Murray, 2nd P. Capobianco
3. Don itemized sales to date \$467 from Apple Fair, Elections, and Tip Top
4. Kate to get ten more bags to Rudy Heller
5. Decision to be made at January meeting relative to a food sale of only 1 or 2 recipes at the May Election and Town Meetings
6. Kate to reserve space for possible floats as mentioned to date: Library, Elementary School, Video Barn, QQLA, Dave's Maytag, Spooner Well, Elsie, C.P. Blanchard to be sent to Madelyn Arne (?) and copy to Pauline Merrick
7. Hold off on plans for May Historical Event – maybe better on the Saturday before the parade due to reunions.
8. Carolyn discussed the barbeque on Foster Hill – was very successful