

Bicentennial Committee Minutes  
3 October 2013  
Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM  
Steve Cowley Moderator

18 people present: Steve Cowley, Fred Steiner, Diane Olson, Rob and Cheryl Parker, Herb Tinney, Katherine Humphrey, Judy and Carl Brehm, Mike Dambra, Don and Brenda Haywood, Sandy Payne, Judy Tripp-Neu, Steve Cowley, Pat Granger, Ray Shaw, Havilah Toland

Councilman Steve Cowley moderated the meeting. Representatives from the following town organizations were represented by those present.

Fire Department  
Planning Board  
Lighthouse Wesleyan Church  
Springwater UMC  
All Western Evergreen Tree Farm  
WC UMC  
Springwater Trails Hiking Group  
Genesee Country Express  
Weekender Newspaper  
Business sector  
Springwater Rod & Gun Club  
Fiddler's Fair  
Springwater~ Websters Crossing Historical Society  
Springwater American Legion Post 905

Not necessary to elect officers at this time as this was a brainstorming session. Don Haywood declined chairmanship saying he has a full plate and thinks others should step up. Sandy Payne graciously declined nomination of Katherine Humphrey stating her work did not get her home at a reasonable time, but she was anxious to assist.

Katherine Humphrey stated leadership should be someone younger and not the core crew present who always show up for town events.

Judy Tripp-Neu volunteered to take minutes and provide communication and publicity for the community. Diane Olson also promised free advertising in her paper and would continue to talk up the cultural aspects of this event to get more people interested. We should highlight the artists' community that existed here though the 200 years

Steve said his thoughts are that individual groups plan events and come to the committee for help if needed.

Ministers: Handle Revival/ Ray Shaw suggested tours of old churches and homes

Springwater Rod & Gun Club Possibly display old weapons and armaments – hold an open house and serve hot dogs – Steve said he has not generated much interest yet

Legion Re-enactments/ History of different battles/History of different Units and soldiers at Legion/provide cemetery tours of where our local soldiers are buried and local founders can be found

Century Farms highlighting farming/Katherine will handle contacts with farmers – Walker, Willsea, Grey, Votypka, Faklis, Becker, etc.

Hemlock Lake – Canadice Lake so much of our history revolves around these two lakes -- perhaps Springwater Trails Hiking group can plan events highlighting these natural resources

Publicity/Judy, Diane Olson

Children's Activities/Sandy will work on these ideas

Word Search

Scavenger Hunt -- Find things from businesses

Other suggestions: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Baseball game using 19th century rules

Outhouse Race

Greased Pig Race Fire Department –

History of the department and fire services accompanied by pictures of historically large fires – perhaps displaying this info in gallery fashion inside Town Hall  
Definitely would like to see antique fire equipment as part of any parades

More suggestions for Activities:

Agricultural Fair/Craft Fair where talents of cottage industry people who do quilting, sewing, knitting, wood carving and other crafts can be shown

Fall Festival

Harvest Dance/Christmas Ball

Carnival Perhaps essay contest for students at WCCS where prizes are awarded

Having historical markers showing where Creamery, hotel, and early founders homes were located – to aid people in finding places mentioned in history books

Possible historical display of former industries in town – Cannon Radio and Miller Spoons were discussed

It was determined that this was a good first meeting and the next one will be held at 7:00 PM on December 5, 2013 at the Town Hall. More communications will go out inviting people who formerly lived here for input also.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy G. Tripp-Neu  
Secretary