

Middlebury Bicentennial Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on September 6th, 2007

Shepardson Community Center

Present: Chairman Raymond Pietrorazio

Members present: Terrence McAuliffe, Robert Desmarais, Ronald Vitarelli,
and Dennis Small.

Others present: Lou Orsini, Bicentennial Ball coordinator.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond Pietrorazio at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A **MOMENT OF SILENCE** was observed in memory of Selectman Hal Lynch, who died on the meeting day.
3. **Minutes**: The minutes of the August 2nd, 2007 meeting were reviewed and motioned by Robert Desmarais to accept, seconded by Ronald Vitarelli, and unanimously accepted.
4. A **Fund Raising** report was read by Dennis Small, who noted a balance of \$49,000 in the bank with only a few outstanding checks. Mr. Pietrorazio asked for a report on the Bicentennial Ball. Lou Orsini reported that it was financially sound and that he was pleased with the services of the Crown Plaza hotel.
5. Regarding **New Benefactors**, Mr. Pietrorazio reported that he had approached prospective donors who had not already pledged, but that there was nothing new to report.
6. The **Ice Cream Social** was reported by Mr. Desmarais. Mr. reported that the Tree Planting was still on schedule. Mr. also reported that he had met with Rudy Mazurosky of Voices and been assured that everything was ready. In case of rain the event will be held inside Shepardson Center. Mr. Desmarais will be presiding and Town Historian Robert Rafford will tell a history of the Town Green.
7. Robert Desmarais reported that the **Sock Hop** was successful and that the weather was wonderful for this event.
8. Robert Desmarais reported that he had placed an exhibit of the Bicentennial **Commemorative Items** in the library. He only needed to bring a price list of the items.
9. Arlene McAuliffe reported that the **Chauncey Judd** production was in rehearsal and that things looked very good. She asked for help with ticket taking and ushering, and several committee members volunteered to help. Arlene noted that no help was needed for the clean up because the cast was doing it.
10. Mr. Pietrorazio read a prepared statement regarding the misuse of footage from the **Bicentennial Video** in a political video. Co-Chairman Terrence McAuliffe, producer of the

video, read a prepared statement of explanation and apology. Mr. Pietrorazio asked for formal comments or motions from the committee but there were none.

New Business

Mr. Pietrorazio called for a workshop for last minute preparations to be held on September 26th at Perrottis restaurant.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Committee, the Committee adjourned the meeting @ 8:02 p.m., by motion of Ronald Vitarelli, seconded by Robert Desmarais, and unanimously voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence McAuliffe

October 23, 2007