

**375th Birthday Celebration Town of Guilford
March 2, 2015, Community Center
5:30pm**

Minutes

Present: Wallace, McGlone, Catardi, Balestracci, Bishop, Mei, Flannery, Page, Testa, Calderone
Absent: Samuelson

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Minutes of February 17, 2015: Motion was made by Catardi, Balestracci seconded to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously as written.

Discussion and take possible action on Final disbursement of 375th Funds: Wallace explained again the situation and the additional information of not being able to repay the Guilford Foundation for the \$2K they gave to the 375th Committee because it is considered a grant, not a donation or loan.

Discussion continued and Wallace presented a statement from Samuelson who pointed out how much Dennis Culliton and the Walking Tours did for the Civil War, Covenant and Trails Day. The Committee paid expenses for the bus and driver but this was far short of what the Historic Walking Tours would have made had they charged their regular price. Balestracci motioned to reimburse the Historic Walking Tours \$1,500.00 for the expenses incurred during the Civil War, Trails Weekend and Covenant Day. Catardi seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued regarding the Guilford museums and the Guilford Agricultural Society and all the work they did to support and contribute to the 375th Anniversary Events. Catardi motioned to reimburse the Guilford Agricultural Society, The Hyland House, The Dudley Farm and the Guilford Keeping Society \$2,500 each for their expenses relating to contributing and supporting the Guilford 375 Events. Page seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued with McGlone presenting information regarding the kiosk which has yet to be built. The committees feelings toward the kiosk were luke warm. Some members felt it was really more for visitors to Guilford not something the residents would regularly use.

Page discussed the Green Committees plan to install an east/west sidewalk on the north side of the Green with a plaque from the Guilford 375th Committee to the residents of Guilford in celebration of Guilford's 375th year. Flannery felt the sidewalk was permanent and for both residents and visitors alike and liked it better than the kiosk. Calderone felt the permanency and simplicity of the sidewalk was more in keeping with what the celebration was about. Balestracci commented there is a bus stop on the north side of the green and it would be a much needed improvement. Balestracci motioned \$10K be given to the Town of Guilford, earmarked for the Green Committee Special Fund for the installation of the sidewalk. A plaque commemorating the Town of Guilford's 375th Year will be installed in the sidewalk with the location of the plaque to be determined by the Green Committee. Bishop seconded. Vote was unanimous with one abstention from Page.

Any remaining funds will be given to the Town of Guilford for the 400th Anniversary. This was previously voted on.

There was no further business. Wallace thanked the committee for all of their hardwork over the last three years.

There was a motion to adjourn at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted Veronica Wallace, Chairwoman

Janet Testa shared with those members the time capsule and scrap book of everything done for Guilford 375. It will be sealed and kept in the vault at Town Hall. Brian McGlone agreed to make sure it was put there.