**Stoddard 250th Meeting**

3/14/24

**Financial Report:** A deposit was made from the Town of Stoddard Warrant of $8,000. The current available funds are $13,135.97. Ruth indicated with the recent deposit that all of the Funds from the 2023 Warrant Article have now been turned over to the 250th Committee and deposited. Carol said the request for a 2024 Warrant Article for 18k has been given to Michelle, however Michelle is unsure if any excess can be moved to the town’s Recreation Fund. Michelle will check with the town’s attorney.

**Merchandise:** New banners were purchased at a cost of $1,057.46. Linda sold 13 banners to date. It will be good if banners continue to sell throughout the upcoming events. Joyce and Don would like to purchase some patches so that residents are able to put them on their own shirts, bags, etc. There was a question as to whether people would be interested in them if they had to be sewed on or if they were ironed on. Will discuss further at our next meeting when Don and Joyce can give us details.

**Upcoming Events:**

**SHS:** The SHS program is going to take place on April 19th. The Historical Society is all set with what they need for that date.

**Town Clean-Up Day:** Town cleanup was scheduled for May 4th along with one of the hikes. The committee discussed that a 4 mile hike along with a town cleanup would be a lot for one day or weekend so the town cleanup day will be moved to Saturday, April 13th at 10:00. The cleanup will be from 10:00 - 12:00 with a cookout/games at the town field from 12:00 - 2:00. Carol gave Rachel the contact information for the NH Department of Transportation Sponsor-A-Highway Program.There is a new rule stating that children under 11 years of age are not able to help clean up on state highways. Children ages 11-14 are able to clean-up state highways with parent permission. If children would like to participate in the clean up, they will clean up on town side roads. Terri is going to verify that the committee’s insurance will cover participants cleaning the town roads. Terri is going to schedule one porta-potty for the event at the baseball field. Rachel will make a flyer and start advertising on FB. Rachel will also make a Google Form so participants are able to sign up and we know approximately how many people will be able to help and how much food is needed.

**Church Auction:** The church auction is on the Event Calendar for September 30th, but that is an incorrect date. The date should be September 28th. The church needs volunteers to help as well as auction donations. Donations need to be new items or clean items worth value. Due to the event being an auction, the church is not collecting yard sale items or clothing.

**Family History Day:** Rex is going to organize snacks, etc. at Family History Day. Christine and Franz Haase have volunteered to help with the children’s activities, as well as Rex and Morgan.

**Concerts:** The concerts will be rain or shine so the committee is going to ask for use of the Town Hall on those days in case of bad weather. All of the bands were comfortable with getting paid on the day of the event and did not need a deposit. Terri has reached out to a couple of classic car groups for one of the concert dates, but has not had luck. She is reaching out to a group in MA and will also reach out to the group that has their events at HighTide in Hillsboro.

**\*\*Note:** Carol asked members to please check the Events Calendar as some events need more details and updates such as time, etc. Alan will check on time for Pitcher Mountain Day on June 29th; Judy, Sharon and Joann will follow up with time for the August 16th SHS event on Frechette’s lawn; Carol will follow up with details for the Sept. 28th church auction.

 **Next Meeting:** April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall.