

LUNENBURG 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 Sudolnik Room, Lunenburg Library 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Laura Brzozoski, Dawn Johnson, Debbie Lincoln, Pete Lincoln, Chris Sullivan, Bill Tyler  
Members absent: Michelle Belleza, Cathy Clark, Kathy Comeau, Lois Filiau, Tony Sculibrene

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Chairman Pete Lincoln. He commented that the Committee was meeting two years too early, and that the only thing to do at present was to concentrate on long-range projects until 2026.

Kathy Comeau is resigning from the Committee as she is unable to make the time commitments at present, but will be available to help.

A motion for passing the minutes was made by Dawn and seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

One long-term project is Lunenburg signs resembling the Massachusetts Tercentenary signs erected in 1930. Pete and Debbie spoke with DPW and Police about placement of signs. Bill asked if it would be possible for QR codes to be added to the signs for additional information. We will need to decide on locations and verbiage for the signs and determine cost. DPW told us the prisoners make most of the signs the town uses.

Debbie presented the first ever above ground time capsule, which was done by the Town of Braintree, Mass. in 1976, and suggested that we do a similar structure on the Lower Common. Braintree, England sent an inscribed rock by special boat, and Debbie suggested we could try to get rocks from Lunenburg, Vermont, Nova Scotia, Germany.

Local contractors can be on the lookout for a potato-shaped rock for the Luther Burbank memorial for the LAAC backyard.

Debbie met with Interim Town Manager Carter Terenzini, who expressed interest in furthering the property on Northfield Road. He has had experience with the town of Spencer and their 250th. Their biggest sources of funding were Town Meeting appropriation, corporate donations, state funding through Representatives and Senators, but mostly through sales of memorabilia. They made enough money to give the Town back what they had appropriated them. He also stated that the schools could not make money charging the 300th for events, but expenses like Police details and janitorial fees would have to be decided between the school budget and the 300th budget.

Pete and Debbie met with Facilities Manager Chris Ruth, who has considerable background with fireworks. He suggested a location behind Passios where fireworks could be set off and seen at both the high school football field and the area where the band concerts are now held. A good display would cost \$500/minute.

The bonfire remains one of the most-wanted events, but a location has still not been determined.

The premiere event of the year would be the Birthday Celebration 7/28-7/30/2028. Proposed activities are fireworks, a carnival, and Olympics.

Other ideas were Main Street feasts, contests for branding, Artisan weekend, floats.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

The next meeting is Monday, December 9 at 7:00 at the **Lunenburg Adult Activity Center (Eagle House.)**

**Minutes approved unanimously 12/9/24. Submitted by D. Lincoln**

