

**Block Island 350 Committee Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
1:00 p.m.**

Present: Committee Members Co-Chair Fran Migliaccio, Co-Chair Connie LaRue, Martha Ball, Pam Gasner, Zena Clark and Alternate Bill Wilson.

Also present: Deepwater Wind Representative Paul Rich.

Call to Order

Ms. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Approve Minutes of February 23, 2011

Ms. LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2011. Ms. Ball seconded the motion and it carried.

6 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Gasner, Ball, Clark, Wilson) 0 Nays

Treasurer's Report

No report was given.

Paul Rich of Deepwater Wind stated that Deepwater wanted to support the committees' activities and made a donation of \$3,500. The Committee thanked Mr. Rich and Deepwater for their generosity.

New Business

Polish Parade: Sunday, March 27, 1:00

Ms. Migliaccio noted that the Polish Parade was planned for March 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at McNamaras.

RI Statewide Historic Preservation Conference: Sat., April 30-Sun., May 1

The Friday night session, "Portraying Place, Preserving Place," is a discussion shared by Gretchen Dow Simpson, Gerald Abbott and Edward F. Sanderson. It is open the public and will be added to the 350 events website. Ms. Migliaccio noted that the Sunday programs have been organized by the 350 Committee and she would handle bookings for the events.

Block Island School Pageant: to be rescheduled

The Block Island School Pageant is still scheduled for May 15th with the time to be announced.

Swing Into Spring: Sunday, May 15, 4:00-7:00 pm, Smuggler's Cove

The Swing into Spring - Health Services Fundraiser will be held on May 15th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Smuggler's Cove.

88th Army Band concert: Friday, June 17, 2:00-6:30 pm

This was addressed later in the meeting.

Old Business

Ms. Migliaccio changed the order of the agenda to address Founder's Day.

June 18, Founders Day

Settlers' Rock Update (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio reported that Highway's Supervisor Mike Shea found that Settler's Rock can currently be stabilized and handled as a general maintenance item. A future plan for area restoration can be addressed following the summer's festivities.

A small plaque will be mounted on the rock to celebrate the 350th Anniversary. Ms. Migliaccio made a motion for the new Settler's Rock plaque to be worded as such: "350th Anniversary 1661 – 2011." Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and Ms. Migliaccio withdrew her motion and Mr. Wilson withdrew his second.

Ms. Ball made a motion to have the new Settler's Rock plaque read "Semiseptcentennial 1661 – 2011." Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

6 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Gasner, Ball, Clark, Wilson) 0 Nays

Manissean Monument Update (Pam)

Ms. Gasner distributed a draft mockup and quote from Karin Sprague for the monument proposed for placement at Issac's Corner to honor the Manisseans. The inscription was discussed, with "In honor of the Manisseans their ancestors and descendants" and a dedication date on the back being selected. Ms. Gasner noted that the total fee for the stone is \$5,000 (\$2,000 for the stone, \$2,200 for design and carving, \$800 for a decorative hole through the stone).

Ms. LaRue made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 to Karin Sprague for the Manissean monument, \$2,500 as a deposit and the rest to be paid upon delivery of the monument. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

6 Ayes (Migliaccio, LaRue, Gasner, Ball, Clark, Wilson) 0 Nays

Ms. Gasner further explained that she wanted to also place a stone at the Manissean village site on the Neck. She stated that she wanted a field stone to say "Manissean village site 500 BC." Ms. Gasner further stated that she would like to place an Issac's Corner marker with carving on a field stone. She noted that she would get a quote from Karin Sprague.

School Music Update (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio noted that the Block Island School Band will not play for Founder's Day, although the School Chorus will sing – the school alma mater; America the Beautiful; I'd Rather be on Block Island. Ms. Ball suggested providing a keyboard accompaniment. Ms. Gasner stated that she would call Carrie Todd about the keyboard/accompanist. She also suggested asking Glenda Thuener to sing a Native American song.

Coast Guard Patrol Boat Update (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio reported that the US Coast Guard Cutter Ridley will be at the Boat Basin for tours on Founder's Day and she may be able to arrange for the Coast Guard Band to play on the boat or dock.

88th Army Band Update (Fran)

Ms. Migliaccio reported that the 88th Army Band including 33 pieces will play a concert on Friday, June 17th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., on the Historical Society lawn for their opening night celebration. It was noted that a 30'x 20' stage is needed for the performance.

Speakers: need suggestions, assistance

This item was not addressed.

Old Business

Receive progress reports of event coordinators (times, venues for website)

- June 23, presentation by Gerald Carbone (Pam)
- July 28, presentation by Don Rittner (Glenda Thuener)
- August 25, presentation by Ellen Thomas and Johan Varekamp (Pam)
- September 8, presentation by Robert Thorson (Bill) – Mr. Wilson

reported that the presentation would be titled "Island Charm – A Curious Mix of Sand Banks, Stone Walls and Kettle Holes. It was decided to include the presentation with a Historical Society reception.

- September 24, Anniversary Fair/Motoring Event (Fran)
- September 24, Lighthouse Celebration) (Pam, Martha, Connie)

Any other business to come before this assembly

Ms. Migliaccio reported that she and Ms. Ball were going to tape a radio program with WCRI host Mike Maino on March 24th to discuss the 350 celebration.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 1:00 p.m., Town Hall

It was noted that the next meeting is April 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Adjourn

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 2:20. The motion was seconded by Ms. LaRue and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: April 27, 2011