

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

Present: Committee Members Co-Chair Fran Migliaccio, Co-Chair Connie LaRue, Martha Ball and Beth Rousseau.

Call to order

Ms. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approve minutes of February 4, 2011

Ms. LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2011. Ms. Ball seconded the motion.

Ayes 4 (LaRue, Migliaccio, Ball and Rousseau) Nays 0

Old Business

- Feasibility of moving Settler's Rock – This item needs to go before the Town Council and CRMC. It will be an item on the March 16, 2011 Council agenda.
- Receive progress reports of event coordinators:
 - July 28 presentation by Don Rittner – Glenda Theuner is waiting for confirmation from the Hygeia House and St. Andrews Parish Center.
 - Aug. 15, Colonial Music Presentation – Peter Greenman is working on accommodations. There was a discussion about venue.
 - Sept. 8, presentation by Robert Thorson – Bill Wilson is starting discussion with him via e-mail.
 - Sept. 24, Anniversary Fair/Motoring Event – Fran Migliaccio reported that Cindy Baute had a contact with the Big Apple Circus and Jane Demming was offering camel rides.
 - June 18, Founders Day – see attached draft agenda and guest list. There was discussion about possible keynote speakers, dinner plans and notifying descendants of the original settlers.

New Business

- New facts on existing events
 - Sponsorship of the Gerald Carbone Presentation, June 23 –Friends of the Library have agreed to sponsor Gerald Carbone's Presentation for \$500.00 and will have a reception for him.
 - Additional Honorary Co-chairs for Founders Day, June 18 – There was a discussion about adding a Co-chair from the island.
- New events
 - Polish Parade, March 27 – the Committee was assured that this will take place; venue to be announced.
 - American Legion Post 36, Family Picnic, July 24 – There was a discussion about this item.

- Additional upcoming occasions: BI Independence Day, March 2, 4-6 p.m. at the Library.
- Occasions to sell 350th Anniversary merchandise discussed were:
 - Barbershop Concert, July 23
 - American Legion Family Picnic, July 24
 - Sept. 11 Concert – Sullivan House
 - Farmer’s Market
 - Fire Dept.’s 4th of July Steak Fry

5. Other Business

Ms. Migliaccio mentioned the need for donation jars. The purpose of the donation jars was discussed and it was decided that the purpose was to raise funds for stabilizing and resetting Settler’s Rock. She mentioned the RI Heritage and Preservation Conference that will be here May 1 and their schedule of events was discussed.

6. Next meeting Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 1:00 p.m. Town Hall

At 1:50 p.m. a motion was made by Beth Rousseau and seconded by Connie LaRue to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk

Approved: March 23, 2011