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CHILI HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

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Call to order: 5p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bonnie Moore, Chair, Rona Pearce, Secretary, Nancy Austin, Vice Chair, Michael Tata, Peter Widener, Phil Supernault, Linda Hamilton. Mary Sperr, Liaison.

Guest: Mary Ann Sears

Minutes: The minutes of March and April were read, motion to accept both were made by Michael T. and 2nd. By Linda Hamilton.

Opening Forum:

This meeting was called to be held at the Cobblestone School House by Chair Bonnie Moore. The meeting was to finalize the preparations for the Flag Day ceremony, and to look over the land and facilities for placement of the ceremony and refreshments. Mary Ann graciously served us with Pizza and Soda. Bonnie was given a song list that will be used at the ceremony. It's a Grand Old Flag, etc. and we will run off copies for the program. Mary Sperr is heading up the committee to prepare the Program.

Among the needs for the day are: A song leader and an instrumental group or individual. Linda will search at Roberts for appropriate talent. She will report back to Bonnie.

Mary Ann Sears has solicited from local retail establishments donations to purchase the refreshments. She has received \$25.00 from Wegman's, she has not heard from the others at this time. She will bring that morning large coffee urns from the Senior Center, containing hot coffee, plus fruit kabobs of strawberries and blue berries and soft drinks to be dispensed 9:15 to 9:45 and after the dedication is complete. She also has available a small sound unit. We will also need a podium and tables to hold the refreshments. If the sound equipment she has does not have enough amps, she will request Bob to bring the Town equipment. An audience of about 75 is expected, and Mike will provide the chairs from Recreation.

There will be personnel here on Friday afternoon to arrange the equipment and power chasers to run the equipment. At this point there are no plans for a rain date. The dedication will go on under a tent if necessary and Mike Curley will bring the largest tent he has for the audience to be sheltered under. We will be inviting a Military veteran to be the person to raise the flag. Keith Late, a Purple Heart recipient to do this honor.

The invitation letters will be sent out the week of May 17th. They are being sent to County Office holders, in addition to our State Representatives, the Sheffer family descendants (the donor of the land and school house). The theme for the celebration is "So proudly we Hale"

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Our Liaison with the American Legion Post #1830 has been Donnie Craig. The Parking will be covered by D. Lindsay, and we have noted parking attendants will be needed, especially to keep the traffic off Scottsville Road.

Duane Scott will be dressed as Uncle Sam and we hope to have a Betsy Ross in attendance also. Mary Ann has researched the purchase of American Flags and feels strongly we should purchase them from the Veterans Organization that has a retail outlet in Rochester, NY. The cost of the small flags is 30 cents, we will order #100. We have also invited Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to assist with handing out the flags and with the refreshments. There will also be members of the Senior Citizens group in attendance.

Bonnie is working with Dawn Forte with regard to the news release and Bonnie will also write an article for the paper. It was suggested that in all our advertisements we should also invite the public, i.e. "All are welcome" to the celebration. Bonnie read an article about the Flag and Betsy Ross, that was most informative about the real description of how the Flag was designed and who requested Betsy, a seamstress to design and make a Flag for the United States of America.

Some of the final details were concerning stick on name labels for guests and Officials. Dawn will be the receiver of the R.S.V.P's, in addition to the town Officials and the Preservation Board members; Michael reminded us that Bonnie's should also have Historian marked on her badge.

As the Flag Day preparations wound down, Bonnie told the group of a very interesting dilemma she as historian was involved with. As members of the Preservation Board, it follows that we are all lovers of the history of Chili. The story revolved around the burning down of a local house by the Chili Fire Department, at the request of the owner of the house and land. After the burn, some of the fireman found a marked grave on the property, and they voiced their concerns about protecting this grave before the bull dozers came in and pushed about the remaining embers and debris. This led Bonnie to make an inquiry about the grave. In Bonnie's search she found a person living in Churchville, NY who is the great granddaughter of the woman thought to be buried in the grave. The great granddaughter came to the scene and was shown the grave site. It was very obvious that this had affected her emotionally. She requested the present owner of the property if he would not disturb the grave, and his reply was he could not. Bonnie continued her search and called upon the assistant Historian of Wheatland, who in turn searched her burial records and she found that this grave containing a woman with a common name of Smith, was also buried in Wheatland along with her Husband. And now the question is where is Mrs. Smith? Chili or Wheatland?

As there was no additional business to be discussed, Michael Tata motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Nancy Austin.

Respectfully submitted,

Rona Pearce