

## Stoughton 300 Anniversary Committee Yr. 2023

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Joanne Callanan: Committee Chair, David Allen Lambert: Vice Committee Chair,  
Dr. Patricia Randolph: Committee Secretary

### Meeting Minutes Monday, April 24, 2023 7:00-8:30pm

**Attendance:** Joanne Callanan, David Allen Lambert, Dr. Patricia Randolph, Amanda Bettle, Paul Carpinella, George Dolinsky, Kellie Laguerre, Scott Santos, Carin Klipp, Peggy Sewyk, Bernard Planeta

1. Meeting called to Order: Introduction of new and existing committee members
2. Reading and acceptance of March 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Accepted as permanent record.
3. Reading and acceptance of Group Norms. Accepted as permanent record.
4. Continued discussion and creation of the 2026 event calendar for 300 Anniversary
  - **Sponsorships:** Discussion on the importance of financial sponsorship and soliciting sponsors for the anniversary activities and programs. Sponsors such as Eastern Bank, store on Washington Street and other major stores and corporations in Stoughton. Committee members agreed.
  - Dr. Randolph will create a sponsorship form to share at the next meeting.
  - **Parade:** The committee took a vote on the parade being held in May 2026. The vote was accepted and the parade will be held in May 2026.
  - The committee discussed the desire to have a Grand Parade and what community organization would have floats. How floats are constructed and who funds float construction.
  - Bernard Planeta would like to be involved in bringing “exclusive cars” to be displayed and a part of the parade. Bernard will present more information about these cars at the next committee meeting.
  - **Stoughton Public Schools:** Involvement of the Stoughton Public School in the parade project. Dr. Randolph will coordinate the school department’s involvement in the anniversary. The present Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Rabb will be leaving at the conclusion of this school year. The new Superintendent, Joseph Baeta will start the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Randolph will schedule a second transition meeting with Dr. Rabb to meet the new Superintendent and continue discussions around the schools involvement in the anniversary celebrations.
  - Get an update on PTA’s and school staff ideas regarding student involvement.
  - **Student: Stoughton History Essay Contest:** On the Stoughton Town Website there is an extensive section on Stoughton history and notable people. The committee suggested students select one of these notable individual to research and write about. The committee members were in agreement. Dr. Randolph will present this list at the next school meeting.
  - **Gala:** The committee discussed at lengths having the Gala as an outside tent event vs an inside function hall event. This decision would determine what month it will be held in. Further research will take place prior to deciding the month. Carin Klipp will obtain a function quote from the tent company and bring it to the next committee meeting. It was

suggested that the Stoughton Middle School be used for the Gala. Selecting a location which is handicap accessible is critical. Dr. Randolph will present this idea to the Superintendent at the next meeting.

5. **Anniversary Logo:** Samantha Rego who works in the Stoughton Clerks Office is an artist and has agreed to design 300 anniversary official logo. Peggy Sewyk will meet with Samantha to ask her to create a few designs incorporating the anniversary theme to show the committee. Peggy will update the committee at the next meeting.

6. **Early Anniversary Publicity:** It was recommended that the committee prepare some type of floral arrangement or a cake structure to be a part of Stoughton's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to advertise the upcoming anniversary. Something that would convey, "The 300 Anniversary is Coming in 2026". Committee members will discuss this further at the next meeting. In addition, once the logo is completed place a series of ad in the Suburban Shopper as a countdown to the 300 anniversary.

7. **300 Anniversary Birthday Party:** The committee took a vote on the birthday party being held on December 19, 2026. The vote was accepted and the anniversary birthday party will be on this date.

8. **Country Fair:** Bernard has numerous races and contest that would be good for the country fair. He will share more about the various races and contest and how they work at the next meeting.

9. **Golf Tournament:** This activity needs a date. This event will be tabled until the next committee meeting along with other calendar events the committee did not fully discuss.

10. **Sub-Committee:** The following committee members have volunteered to coordinate sub-committees. Other committee members not on a sub-committee will be asked to select one to join at the next meeting.

- Social Media Committee – David Allen Lambert & Kellie Laguerre
- Publicity & Marketing Committee – Paul Carpinella, Scott Santos, George Dolinsky
- Finance Committee – George Dolinsky, Bernard Planeta, Joanne Callanan
- Liason/Coor with School Dept, Town Hall & Old Colony YMCA – Dr. Randolph
- Social Activities Committee (Committee members needed)
  - Student Award Ceremony – Dr. Randolph, Coor
  - Senior Tea Social & Anniversary Parade – Joanne Callanan, Coor.

11. **Next Meeting Date:** *In the month of May the meeting will not be held on Thursday, May 18th from 7:00-8:30 PM.*