

Celebrate 400 Committee Minutes
December 18, 2007 – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wood; Supervisor Richardson; Kristina Saddlemire, Historian; Jennifer Ciulla, Publication Specialist; Press.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Kristina Saddlemire presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining past Celebrations of the Hudson-Fulton Champlain. She encouraged anyone interested to visit the Explore 400 website at: www.exploreny400.com.

Jennifer Ciulla gave a brief update on a commission meeting that she attended in November and distributed handouts outlining some of the highlights as follows:

Major Events:

- Possible Torch Passing from Quebec – June
- Albany Institute Exhibition – all year
- PBS Documentary released – June
- Clearwater sail – June 20 – July 4
- Fort Ticonderoga Events – July 25 & 26
- Henry Hudson 400 events – September 1-3
- Walkway over Hudson – September 25-26
- Halfmoon Commemorative Sail – September 3 – October 4 (NYC Albany-NYC)

Governor's Representative Spoke

- Governor's Office wants to keep the focus on:
 - ◆ The Environment
 - ◆ Outreach
 - ◆ Economic Development
- Would like to see three major events:
 - ◆ One in NYC (Governor's Island)
 - ◆ One in Mid-Hudson Valley
 - ◆ One in Lake Champlain
- Funding for Regional Events:
 - ◆ Matching Grant Program
 - ◆ RFP Process
- Support for Local Events:
 - ◆ State sees role as writing checks and making sure events are connected
 - ◆ Matching Grants for 15 counties and 15 major cities outside of NYC
- Executive budget will be presented in second week of January. Will not know how much support is available until budget is passed (April or after)

- **Commission passed logo changes for the community event logo**
 - ◆ It appears that if each town and city passes a resolution they will be eligible to use the logo and be recognized as a “Celebrate 400 Community”.
 - ◆ Each will be receive a flag to display at events

Jennifer said the Governor’s office did not commit to any funding at this time. They are hoping at the regional level, that there would be a matching grant program with an RFP process and application form.

Mr. Wood encouraged all towns and cities to pass the resolution and send a copy to: Alison Lynch, Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission
Peebles Island Resource Center – BHS, PO Box 219, Waterford, New York 12188.

Mr. Wood encourages all towns and cities to list any events in their communities that they would like to include in the Saratoga County Quadricentennial activities and return them to Jennifer Ciulla in the Board of Supervisors’ Office. Jennifer will then create a database with the complete listing of events and ultimately forward it on to the Commission in Albany.

Jennifer said if anyone has events that they would like to include in the Quadricentennial, they may forward them to her now. This will be an ongoing process.

Mr. Wood said he would like to have events posted on the County Website.

Mr. Wood asked Kristina to set a meeting up with all historians. Kristina said she would also give copies of the resolution to each historian, so that it may be introduced to each of the Town Boards.

Handouts were distributed to all committee members’ mailboxes for their review.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom