

Bicentennial (cont.)

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est or second-oldest historic home.

During the British occupation of the area, Sage's wife was kidnapped and he had to rescue her. As the kidnapper was taking Mrs. Sage and another woman to Fort Niagara, the other woman escaped. She ran to Sparrow and told him what happened. He had been cutting timber, so he grabbed his axe and chased them down, killing the culprit and rescuing his wife. The musket that the Native American wrongdoer was carrying is currently owned by the descendants of Sage that live in Buffalo.

Another interesting story occurred when Sparrow Sage briefly converted to Millerism. This branch of Christianity believed the Second Coming of Christ was coming in April 1843, so Sage didn't plant his crops that year. When this didn't occur, he quickly planted more crops and was rewarded with a bountiful harvest despite the late seed sowing. His neighbor, Rufus Spalding, who had planted more crops to share with them, was exasperated when he saw this, and both neighbors wondered if there was something more to religion.

Other than this strange circumstance, Sage was a respected member of the community and served as town supervisor along with other various positions. The house held the first town meeting when the township was created in 1818. Passed resolutions included how much each person would be paid for each "bear scalp" they brought to town. Also, \$200 was to be raised for roads, and \$75 for poor money (charity).

Like other historic homes in the area, its old age is easily discernable inside from the hand-hewn oak timbers. Additionally, those beams are held together by wooden dowels, which make an interesting feature of the framework. Also, the floors consist of 10-14-inch-wide oak floors that are common to homes built in that early period.

On Saturday, July 2, there will be a very special event you will not want to miss. Thanks to the generosity of one of Lewiston's most consistent benefactors, Mr. Anthony DiMino, the new Academy Park bandshell, dedicated to his father, Alphonso, will host the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for a two-hour concert. This promises to be one of the highlights of the weekend, so plan on attending. Food and refreshments will be available at Academy Park all weekend. Two hundred years never looked so promising!

There are many opportunities for businesses and private citizens to participate and sponsor one or more of the weekend's events. To learn more about the bicentennial, see who is involved or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.Lewiston200.org.

July 1-4, 2022. Lewiston, New York. Be there!

Thanks to Ken Slaughaupt, Tom Collister and Austin Heinz for the article.

Memorial Day parade and luncheon canceled for 2022

Submitted by Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee

Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee announces our annual celebration, including a parade and community luncheon recognizing the sacrifice of the men and women who died in the service of our nation – normally done on Memorial Day since 2015 – will not be able to proceed again this year.

The ongoing pandemic is part of the reason. Additionally, the village will celebrate our 200th anniversary during the 4th of July holiday a few weeks later with a parade.

So, the Memorial Day Committee decided it would be a bit much to ask the same people – our local and neighboring fire departments, several dance troops, marching bands and floats of all descriptions – to provide a parade for those heroes on Memorial Day (May 30) and then again for the anniversary celebration.

Each of these units that have paraded for us these last years are to be greatly thanked. There is a lot of hard work to prepare each group. So, thanks to them for their past efforts, and we hope to be able to return to a normal event next Memorial Day in 2023.

We also considered the 500-plus citizens who have gathered for our luncheon. Will it be safe enough close together in the big tent?

The Memorial Day Committee recognizes the contribution of the Brickyard companies who have



Town of Lewiston officials march in the 2019 Memorial Day parade. (File photo)

provided all their delicious food without charge for many years; the Hibbards for their frozen custard desert; and Tops Markets for all their support. These have been tough years for our restaurants, in particular. We are uncomfortable asking again for their support in this unsure time.

The Memorial Day Committee wants to thank our many volunteers who didn't "parade," but provided all the support: The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the reactors, Bugles across America, the Lewiston Choraleers, the ush-

ers, and our Lewiston Police Department. The Kiwanis provided their excellent parade marshals; the Moose for security; and last but not least, the members of VFW Post 7487 for their traditional ceremony at the site of the new Lewiston "Circle of Honor" memorial in Academy Park.

We are sure that The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7487 will carry on their traditional ceremony this year. The plans will be announced for this year's VFW ceremony in the near future.

The Remembrance Committee

also acknowledges the financial support of the community. These donated funds are being held for the future, hopefully in 2023, to gather our entire community together to celebrate the lives of those who have fallen.

Lewiston's Memorial Day Remembrance Committee, a 501(c)(3) federal charity, is composed of Chair Norm Machelor, Vice Chair Anne Welch, Parade Chair Vic Eydt, Luncheon Chair Claudia Marasco, Ceremony Chair Dale Williamson, and countless volunteers.

Projects occupy discussion at Lewiston session

BY TERRY DUFFY
Editor-in-Chief

With a number of officials participating via Zoom, the Lewiston Town Board had a relatively quiet session Monday at its regular meeting.

Newsmakers included action taken on the town's still-developing Lower River Road Town Park across from the Lewiston Senior Center, and significant discussion on plans for a solar project adjacent to the athletic fields on the Niagara University campus.

"There's a preliminary drawing of the pavilion that we'd like to request authorization from the board to go out for bid," said Town Engineer Robert Lannon of GHD Consulting Inc.

He explained the project would be subject to a few minor design changes, but is basically the same plan the Town Board has been reviewing. That motion passed with little discussion.

"There has been a project submitted to the town for a solar farm up at Niagara University," he said.

Lannon said the project includes a few variances that are pending before the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

"At the last ZBA meeting, there was a request that the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) be initiated. The Town Board would be lead agent in this case," he said. "To me, it's a little bit the cart before the horse, so to speak, because – depending upon the variances that may or may not be taken by the ZBA – that could change the direction of the project."

Regardless, Lannon said NU still wants to proceed with the project at this point.

"It still has to go the ZBA for consideration of the variances," he added.

Town Attorney Alfonso Marra Bax concurred with Lannon's assessment.

"From what I gathered, there are a number of variances that are going to be required for the project to move forward," he said. "The expense of moving forward with the SEQR would fall on the developer."

Bax said that, should the variances not be approved by the town's ZBA, and require a new application, "We may need to move forward with an amended SEQR. But one way or the other, those expenses, again, would fall on the developer and they may require going back to the beginning."

He added, "As Bob, said it would go back to the starting block and putting the cart before the horse. However, the developer would like us to put it together this way."

Bax noted he didn't see any risk for the Town Board to act at this time, as long as the municipality maintains lead agent status.

"I think the primary issue is that it's placed on the record. The ZBA still has to issue various variances on the project," he said.

With that, Councilman Bill Geiben presented a resolution for the town's intent to serve as lead agent for the NU solar project. Soon after, Councilman John Jacoby had questions.

"I feel we don't have enough information on this," he said. "I haven't seen any documentation, any real substance."

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