

250th Anniversary Committee

September 21, 2016

Present: Rebecca Hutchinson, Ernie Robert, Dee Jones, Walt Kutylowski, Bonnie Hiesey, Paul Murphy, Mary Ellen Moran, Jan Clark, Edie Kimball, Carol Levesque, Toby Tyler, Cilla Tyler, Don Tordoff, Mal Cameron, Roger Marquis, Wendy Rappa, Jack Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Sign in

August minutes approved

List of Volunteers to date

Corrections were made to the list by committee members.

Commemorative sales at Deerfield Fair

Edie needs help at the historical building for 250th sales table. Several volunteers came forward. Rebecca will provide a cash box and funds on Thursday morning.

Deerfield Fair Association "Deerfield Day" and future Old Home Days

Jack was disappointed to report that the Parks and Rec commission did not support our intention to work toward a Deerfield Day / Old Home Day on the Deerfield Fairgrounds in 2017 to include the most popular elements we brought together for the 250th. They intend to survey the community, but the window of opportunity has passed. Perhaps in a future year or perhaps as a periodic Old Home Day scaled up to be able to host everyone who might like to attend. Carol suggested every five years.

Abraham Prescott event with Volker Nahrmann – November 20

This event will be sponsored by Deerfield250 in cooperation with the Historical Society. Volker Nahrmann will bring instruments made by Abraham Prescott in Deerfield early in the 19th century. He'll have a video to share of musicians playing Prescott basses and cellos. The event may be recorded for a documentary. Jack will contact Deb Boisvert about recording it as well. Promotional work is needed – posters, advertisements, etc. After the Arts Tour, a banner for the event will go up under the 250th sign. Jack will contact Torin about a design. Paul Murphy will contact WMUR to see if they would be interested in covering the event as a Chronicle episode. Mary Ellen, Carol and Edie will be refreshment coordinators for the event at the Town Hall, Sunday November 20 at 6:00 pm.

End of Year Event

We'll try to end as we began, with a video/slide show of 250th celebration events and potluck supper at the Deerfield Community Church on Saturday, January 7. Dee will contact key folks at the church about their participation. Rebecca will reserve Town Hall. Jack will contact the Patriot Fife and Drum duo for their participation. We'll have a bonfire in back of Town Hall; Boys Scouts with lanterns can guide folks from church to town hall. Weather dependent possibility: ice skating rink which Wendy will supervise. The event could include: burying the time capsule and a town photo. We will need promotional work and tickets.

Signboards

We will offer the signboards opposite the GBW building for continued promotional use. The plywood will need to be replaced periodically.

Disposition of balance

We want funds to be used for activities which build community participation. With the funds possibly managed by the Parks and Recreation Department, parameters should be clearly outlined. A bimonthly town publication is one suggestion.

Committee Celebration of our work together

Tentative date for this event at Jack and Rebecca's home Saturday January 28th

Other

Jack read some of the many "thank you's" received via email and cards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jones and Jack Hutchinson

NEXT MEETINGS: Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 pm GBW building

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 pm GBW building