

375TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2011

Present were Committee members Mary Antes, John Dyer, Peter Gossels, Lois Davis, Jane Sciacca, Deborah Seidman and Allison Tobia. Also present was Bobby Robinson, representative from the Mass. Memories Road Show organization.

Mary Antes called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Committee discussed the following items:

- The Committee has two new members who were recently appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee welcomes Deborah Seidman and Allison Tobia.
- Minutes from the October 12, 2011 meeting were approved.
- Lois Davis gave an update on the input from the Wayland Historic District. The WHS recommended re-issuing the Wayland bicentennial tour book on-line. The tour book is intended for independent touring of the area, and needs updating. Gretchen Schuler offered to help. The 375th Committee discussed whether the town budget would cover some or all of the costs associated with updating and re-issuing this book.
- The Committee discussed the idea of having the festivities span 375 days, and end at the end of the school year or possibly July 4.
- Ann Moses will talk with her quilt group about making a 375th quilt and Rick Conard will talk about and lead a walking tour and archeological program related to the railroad artifacts.
- Jack Case was scheduled to give a presentation to the Committee on the Wayland 375 website, but unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting. The Committee will invite him again to the next meeting. The Committee may need a professional web designer to set up the web site. Then we could have high school students do the maintenance and updating functions.
- Bobby Robinson gave an interesting and informative presentation on the Mass. Memories road show, a statewide project sponsored by UMass Boston dedicated to preserving the memories, stories and photos of community members. Mass. Memories would hold a single-day event in Wayland where members of our community could bring their old photos and stories. Mass. Memories would scan the photos, transcribe the stories and capture video, ultimately organizing it all into their on-line database. Committee members discussed the possibility of using the data to

produce a short film that could be shown at the closing ceremony. If the Committee goes forward with this project and needs funding, it would have to make the request to the Town by January 15 for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. The Committee will vote on this issue at the December meeting.

- Peter Gossels is in the process of forming a Finance sub-committee. He is looking for people who feel strongly about our town and who can raise money to support the 375th Anniversary effort.
- Allison Tobia will speak to the chair of the Concord anniversary committee to get input about Concord's experience with its celebration.
- Mary Antes has already gotten solicitations from potential vendors (commemorative coins, note cards, tiles, etc.).
- The Committee hopes to have a proposed logo by the December meeting.
- Possible activities for the year-long celebration include mock trials of famous cases that could be held at the Vokes Theatre.

Adjourned 9:05