

WAYLAND 375TH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2014

Present: Mary Antes, Nancy Carapezza, Deb Seidman, John Dyer, Jane Sciacca, Brad Keyes, Cyndi Miller, Jane Sciacca, Barbara Holtz, Pam Bonaguide, Lois Davis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mass Memories flyer was distributed. This program will be held March 8, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mary and Kathy Hodge have been doing publicity, including a question and answer in the paper. The Senior Center will promote the event.

Brad passed out promo information for the Parade. Tomorrow, Brad and Mary will meet with the Police and Fire Chiefs and hope to get approval for the route, road closings etc. The Wayland Fire Dept. is enthusiastic. We have use of a very large flag. The Park Dept is on board. Brad will be sending an information package as a pdf to organizations and businesses in town that have expressed interest. We need a connection to the schools. The parade website is separate from the 375th main site. There was a discussion on the information to be included. The theme of the parade is “Celebrate Wayland,” there will be no fee to participate.

Deb discussed closing activities that she and Alison are considering. The Barn Dance last June was a great success and will be repeated, with more kid activities like dance lessons and hay rides. We would encourage people to bring picnics or perhaps have food vendors.

The parade will end at the Town Building, and some activities will happen there. Parmenter and Beth Israel could sponsor tables. Other possibilities would be Strawberry Shortcake, like Parmenter did at the Opening event, Colonial Crafts people. We are looking for things that are local and free. The Mass Memories final product could be shown at the closing, other ideas discussed were gardening and cooking, showing children how to cook, have Waycam tape people cooking favorite family recipes and posting them on youtube.

Events planned for the coming weeks were discussed. There will be a Historic ballgame on May 25, sponsored by the Eastern Mass. Softball Association. They would like to place a permanent marker at the ballpark.

John Dyer had a proposal for Cochituate Village signage, and reported on the program book, which will contain political congratulations and ads. Mary asked for a list of contents.

A discussion of finances revealed that we started with \$30,000 and currently have that same amount. There will be other expenses, but do we want to use the money or return it to the town. Should we send out another letter asking for funds?

Website: Should the website be taken down after the celebration year is over or kept up and linked to the Historical Society website?

The minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting were accepted. The next meeting will be February 27.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Lois H. Davis