

NORTH HAMPTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY

Planning Meeting: January 18, 2017

Opening: Vicki Jones called the meeting to order at 1PM. Introductions of three new participants were made: Jane Morse, and Joan Ganotis and Lisa Cote from the Agricultural Commission. Also in attendance: Mike Tully, Cynthia Swank, Marcy McCann, Jim Maggiore, Jane Boesch, Michael Maddox, Nancy Jane Luff, and Anne Ambroggi.

The minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2016, were approved as submitted.

Old business: The first item was a recap of proposed activities and/or coordinators for the events for 2017.

I. Winterfest, which, by the time the meeting was over had a change of date to February 25 verified, will be focused more on the center of North Hampton rather than North Hill. In this case brochures on the 275th anniversary could be available at the Town Hall rather than Centennial Hall. Both the Bicentennial Quilt and/or the barn study slide show could also be at Town Hall. The barn pictures have gone to Liz Jerold at the Library for digitizing.

II. The Memorial Day parade will be May 29, 2017. Displays for the Town Hall and/or the Stone Building will be items from the Historical Society of military nature, including a collection of patriotic postcards. Those from the Agriculture Commission suggested there might also be an open house at the community garden that day.

For the barbecue after the parade Mike Tully has agreed to set up the grill and tables; the fire station could also provide space in the truck bays if it is needed. The first question is how many people to plan for. It was estimated that 150 to 200 usually attend on Memorial Day, depending on the weather. Money will be needed for the food; this can be adjusted as the date grows nearer and the weather forecast is clearer. It will be a simple meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Arrangements will be made with Jen Kutt. Paula Field at the school will be consulted on costs and numbers. A cost of \$5 per person is proposed. A donation jar might bring in additional contributions.

A number of people have volunteered to cook, the select board will help, and Jane Morse has volunteered to coordinate the barbecue project.

As to the actual parade, the question was raised as to who is the "Grand Marshall?" Commander Burke from the American Legion in Hampton is in charge, and Nancy Jane Luff will continue to be in touch with him. Additional units may be added to the parade (e.g., children on bicycles) but not so many that those going on to the parade in Hampton would be delayed. Additions could also include antique cars or Runnymede horses. The Business Association might do some kind of float. Jim Maggiore will give the Economic Development Commission news of what is happening.

A logistics person for the parade is still needed; Anne Ambroggi said she would see if her husband Mike would do it. Usually the parade begins at Citizens Bank, starts at 10AM, and takes about 45 minutes.

Anne Ambroggi presented the "275th" logo that she had commissioned. It was done by Cindy Burke, and it was based on what she heard as being important about North Hampton, especially its being a seaside community with the Town Hall as a central icon. It featured the Town Hall tower, with "275" superimposed, over a series of waves in blue.

Anne is also working on the "Seven Wonders of North Hampton" booklet; she will also come to the oral history meeting on January 23.

III. October Weekend (October 13-15) local businesses will have open houses.

The trolley tours on Saturday the 14th would go to four locations that have limited parking, giving people an opportunity to get off and visit: Fuller Gardens, Union Chapel, Studebaker Mansion, and Ogden Nash House. Rob Southworth will be contacted to see if he is still interested in giving the tours. If he is unavailable the owner of the trolley could conduct the tours. Susan Grant is the contact for Rob Southworth as well as for the owner of the Ogden Nash House. The tours would go out twice, from 10 to 11:30 and from 12 to 1:30. Each tour could take 20-28 people and probably cost \$20 per person.

A lead person is still needed to coordinate the tours. A motion was made go ahead and reserve the trolley and make a 50% deposit to reserve; this was approved by the group.

Four other locations could be open during the day for visitors: Centennial Hall (where there would be art and music all weekend), Little River Church, Town Hall, and the Stone Building. There would be displays in the latter two, as well as possible oral history presentations.

Nothing definite has been settled for the Governor Dale Farm. The owner is willing to have it open. Hayrides were mentioned as a possibility, but the animals would have to be brought in, which is expensive. Perhaps there could be an activity for children in the front barn.

Nancy Jane Luff has talked to Garrett Miller at the airport and he is open to any ideas. Who could bring what equipment? What would it cost? Perhaps Walter Nordstrom could be the contact for antique equipment. Joan Ganotis and Lisa Cote from the Agricultural Commission will follow up.

Plans for a Saturday night dinner at Throwback Brewery remain unresolved. Perhaps a different date might be more feasible, in terms of the cost for renting the place for an evening.

Nancy Jane Luff and Jane Boesch will pursue the idea of a non-denominational church service at the United Church of Christ.

For fundraising the new logo might be used - for memorabilia or note cards or t-shirts.

There is a meeting on January 23 for people interested in getting the oral history projects started.

Jim Maggiore agreed that the select board might consider town flags at its next meeting on January 25.

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 2:25PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 1PM in the Mary Herbert Room.

Signed,
Jane Boesch

See attached chart below: