

## **NORTH HAMPTON 275TH ANNIVERSARY**

Planning Meeting: December 13, 2016

Opening: Vicki Jones called the meeting to order at 1PM. In attendance: Jeff Hillier, Cynthia Swank, Joan Jones, Nancy Jane Luff, Anne Ambrogi, Jane Boesch, Donna Etela, Susan Grant, Jim Maggiore, Susan Grant, Cindy Jenkins.

The minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2016, were approved.

### **Old Business:**

Town Committee: The 275th Anniversary Planning Group has been approved as a Town Committee. This means that a notice of a meeting must go to Jan Facella two days beforehand, and minutes of a meeting must be posted (with Jan Facella) within five days. Jim Maggiore is the representative from the Select Board.

Vicki Jones has talked to Paul Apple and Ryan Cornwell, and it was decided that the best way for the Committee to handle funds would be to establish a trust. This would be done by putting a warrant article on the town ballot for March. The trust fund would be set up to handle funds for the 275th anniversary. After 2017 the trust would hold any leftover funds for future anniversaries. For expenses an invoice would go to Ryan Cornwell to be paid. Until the fund is established any monies collected for the 275th would be held by the Historical Society and then donated to the trust fund.

### Recap of Proposed Activities:

**February:** The first event would be at Centennial Hall at the Winterfest in February. It is hoped that this might be a streaming slide show of the recently completed survey of barns done for the Heritage Commission. The Eagle Scout who did the survey would be contacted to see if he is interested in helping. A slide show could be made from the digital images already collected. Susan Grant or John Stavastano could help with the conversion.

A brochure announcing/advertising 275th activities would be available at Centennial Hall that day.

**May:** Nancy Jane Luff has spoken to the Commander at the American Legion Post in Hampton, and he is agreeable to having the Memorial Day parade be a little longer than usual. After the parade the Town Hall will be open with a historical display there. And a midday barbecue could be held at the fire station. The firemen cannot do the cooking because of other duties, but are willing to do the setup. Paul Apple and Jan Facella have volunteered to cook. Paula Field, from the school food service, has offered to help as well. And Joe Kutt thinks he can provide helpers.

It is hoped that the Wonders of North Hampton map (for a self-guided tour) could be put out at Memorial Day events to allow people to do the tour whenever they want.

**October:** For the October 13-15 weekend celebration Nancy Jane Luff says the businesses want to do open houses Friday and/or Saturday.

Decisions need to be made about the possible trolley tour that could cover the Studebaker and Ogden Nash houses, Fuller Gardens and Union Chapel, Little River Church and Centennial Hall. The trolley would be available Saturday, the 14th. It would cost \$369 for the first two hours together, and then \$160 per hour after that. It can hold 28 people.

How should the Governor Dale farm be included? As part of a tour? Or separately, with wagon rides available? They are willing to help. To include horses in the program Runnymede was mentioned. They are interested in helping, but an actual stop at Runnymede is not practical. They do have two Belgian horses that can pull a wagon. Donna Etela suggested they might bring some of the Friesian horses to the Dale Farm and do a show similar to what they did at Strawberry Banke for Halloween.

As to a harvest supper at Throwback Brewery, it was pointed out that renting a tent, plus tables, chairs, and linens, could be prohibitively expensive. If the inside of the brewery were to be used it would hold 100 people. Parking could be a problem; it is probable that they will not be granted permission for "event parking."

The question was raised as to who this dinner was being planned for - adults only? or families? If the May barbecue is for families perhaps the dinner should be for adults. Cindy Jenkins was asked about the possibility of the Agricultural Commission holding a harvest dinner in the Dale Barn. Too cold? Would a dinner conflict with other activities going on (soccer, etc.) All this would need to be figured out by the person who agrees to take the lead for the dinner. Cindy Jenkins also noted that the airfield has done pig roasts for groups.

#### Activity Assignments:

Anne Ambroggi has someone to work on a logo. He has asked what are the iconic images of North Hampton that come to mind: Bath houses; Town Hall; Centennial Hall; North Hill (church, green, bandstand). The water color just hung in the Town Hall was suggested for the logo, but it was felt it might be better suited for note cards. Anne will help with the Wonders of North Hampton and the press, as will Nancy Jane Luff. Nancy Jane will also be the link for business open houses.

The Heritage Commission and Historical Society will oversee the brochure, the slide show, and displays. Centennial Hall should be contacted about its art show, and what space it needs.

For the parade someone needs to coordinate all the parts. The Commander from the American Legion did say that it should be nothing frivolous. Decorated bicycles seemed to be all right. Also antique cars (Lloyd Graves, John Stavastano). Horses - perhaps with representations from past wars - could be included.

Logistics for the trolley tour need to be established. Is Rob Southworth still willing to lead tours? Donna Etela suggested a bus to take people to places where they would be dropped off would be cheaper; the more expensive trolley could take a tour where people just look at sights as they pass. Vicki Jones will talk to the Rye Historical Society about their tours. Since parking is a problem at several of the potential sites, people could park at Staples and take the bus to visit sites.

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 1PM in the Mary Herbert Room.

Signed,  
Jane Boesch

See attached chart below:

## 275 Activities and Volunteers

| Activity  | Volunteer Coordinator   |
|---|---|
| Winterfest Display at Centennial Hall   | Heritage Commission/Historical Society  |
| Press, Newsletter, Brochure, etc  | Nancy-Jane Luff, Anne Ambroggi  |
| Memorial Day Exhibit Town Hall  | Heritage Commission/Historical Society  |
| Memorial Day Barbecue   | Paul Apple, Jan Facella, Paula Field  |
| Memorial Day Parade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kids</li> <li>- Horses</li> <li>- Antique Cars</li> <li>- General Organization</li> </ul>  | Cindy Jenkins (Horses)  |
| October Business Open House   | Nancy-Jane Luff   |
| October Wonders of North Hampton  | Anne Ambroggi   |
| October Trolley Tours   | ?   |
| October Open Buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Centennial Hall</li> <li>- Little River Church</li> <li>- Fuller Gardens</li> <li>- Union Chapel</li> <li>- Governor Dale Property</li> <li>- Studebaker Mansion</li> <li>- Ogden Nash House</li> </ul> | Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CH Marcy McCann</li> <li>- LRC Jane Boesch</li> <li>- FG Jamie</li> <li>- ?</li> <li>- GD Cindy Jenkins</li> <li>- SM Historical Society</li> <li>- ONH Susan Grant</li> </ul> |
| October Harvest Supper  | ?   |
| Non-Denominational Church Service   | ?   |
| Fundraising   | ?   |
| Oral History Project  | Historical Society  |
| Town Flags  | ?   |