

ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Planning Meeting for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes**

(Prior to the meeting, a corrected agenda and a revised calendar of events were given to each person.)

1. Attendance: Gary Hamel, Albert Emerson, Mary Ellen Shelzi, David Pike, Nancy Pike, Dave Stacy, Sal Guadagnino, Rosemary Hanes, Skip Smith, Gulley Dunlap, Anita Watson-Garland, Sharon Proulx, Bob Proulx, Sandi Pierson.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2019 were approved as printed.

3. Financial Report

Historical Commission check book balance on February 1, 2019	\$11,858.58
Three grants committed to publishing town history	\$7,000.00
General funds for other events and activities	\$4,858.58
Town capital reserve fund for celebration	\$2,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,858.58</b>

4. Progress reports on events and activities

- Write and publish town history - Gary reported he worked on the history for the past nine days, and he is four or five days from completing the organizational work and the writing of each chapter. He thanked the town for the opportunity to work on the history for a significant amount of time. He plans on finishing his organizational work and writing over the next two weekends; February 9 & 10 and February 16 & 17. Gary requested the help of five volunteers to assist him with several tasks on Wednesday evening, February 6. Anita Watson-Garland, Gulley Dunlap, Mary Ellen Shelzi, Sharon Proulx, and Bob Proulx agreed to help.
- Pot Luck Supper and Slide Show - This event was rescheduled to Saturday, July 20, with the pot luck supper at 5:30, followed by the slide show of historical and natural photographs of Orange at 7:00.
- Birthday Party at March 13 Town Meeting - The pot luck supper will start at 5:30, the cake cutting at 6:45, and the meeting will start at 7:00. Dorothy will take care of the large sheet cake. The Conservation Commission will present the new Natural Resources Inventory.
- Update on the loan of our town charter - no news.
- Dedication of the Veterans' Memorial - Rescheduled to Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town House. Dave Stacy will order the memorial plaque.
- An Evening of Music at the Town House - Saturday, April 27 with the pot luck supper at 5:30, and the musical entertainment starting at 7:00.
- Self-guided History Trail of Orange - Gary is working on organizing this activity which is planned for June, July and August.

- Self-guided Walking Tour of Orange Cemeteries – Gary is working on this activity which will start on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 and run throughout the summer.
- One-act play about Nathan Waldo and his family, and the unveiling of the Waldo Memorial - Saturday, September 28 with the play to begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by a wagon ride at 3:30 to the Orange Common Cemetery for the unveiling of the Waldo Memorial. Gary will work with Walter Buckwold and Dave Stacy to prepare the memorial boulder.
- Community barbeque, community photograph, Steve Taylor's talk on one-room school houses, and an old-fashioned ice cream social - Saturday, August 17 with the barbeque held from 12:00 noon to 2:00 at the home of Dave and Kathy Stacy on Orange Pond, the community photograph taken at 2:15, the talk on one-room school houses by Steve Taylor at 3:00, and the ice cream social at 3:45.
- Traditional New England Dance with a Caller - Saturday, October 26 with the dancing to begin at 7:00, and a dessert buffet throughout the evening.
- Time Capsule – Items for the time capsule will be collected at the Orange Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dave Stacy will help with the building of the capsule, and the burial will take place at a later date.
- Historical Quilt – Rosemary brought a collection of historical photographs that will appear on the quilt. She shared samples that she had transferred and quilted. Everyone thanked her for all the time and effort she has devoted to this project. Volunteers are needed to complete the squares for the quilt.
- Banner to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Rosemary and Sal reported that a 3' X 8' banner made of vinyl costs \$108.00 from Staples. Mary Ellen, who designed the banner for the Friends of Mount Cardigan State Park, volunteered to order this banner. The background will feature a photo of Mount Cardigan with the words:

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5. Review calendar of events and set times for each.

This was done, and the times are noted under #4 above.

6. Other business

Dave Stacy suggested that the Commission purchase pens to commemorate our 250<sup>th</sup> at about 60 cents each. The members voted to spend up to \$200.00 for this project.

**7. The next planning meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town House.**

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Proulx, Chair