

ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Organizational Meeting to Plan for the 250th Anniversary Celebration

Monday, October 1, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gary Hamel, Albert Emerson, Rosemary Hanes, Sal Guadagnino, Anita Watson-Garland, Kathy Stacy, David Stacy, Nancy Pike, David Pike, Tamara Fairbank, Colin Higbie, Sharon Proulx, Bob Proulx.

Welcome and Introduction

Sharon welcomed everyone, and gave a brief perspective about what the members of the Historical Commission have been doing since November, 2016 to plan and organize for the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Goals for this Meeting

Sharon reviewed the three basic goals.

- To hear all ideas for our year-long celebration of our 250th Anniversary in 2019.
- To adopt a list of events and activities.
- To establish committees to organize the events and activities,

Events and activities listed in last year's Town Report

- Write and publish a town history
Gary reported that the town history will be done in two volumes; volume I to cover 1769 to the Civil War, and volume II to cover from the Civil War to the present day. He also spoke about the original copy of Orange's town charter which is at Dartmouth College in its special collections. He is working on getting it loaned to the Town for a one-day viewing.
- A birthday party at our 2019 March Town Meeting
Dorothy Heinrichs has indicated she will help organize this event.
- Veterans' Memorial (fall)
Dave Stacy, Skip Smith, and Alex Smith have volunteered to work on this project. The dedication could be held on the night of music at the Town House.
- Sponsor a night of music at the Town House (fall)
Dan Hazelton and Gary have offered to organize this event. It was noted that there is a wealth of musical talent in Orange!

- Creation of a history trail throughout Orange, and a self-guided walking tour of Orange's cemeteries. (summer)
Gary, Danny, Albert, Colin, and Tamara volunteered to work on these two projects.
- A one-act play about Nathan Waldo and his family. (summer)
Gary has written the play, and Rosemary and Anita offered to work on the costumes. This event could be combined with wagon rides to the Orange Common Cemetery for the unveiling of the Waldo Memorial. Alex Smith, Dave Stacy, and Gary Hamel will coordinate the movement and lettering of the boulder from the Terhune property.
- Community barbeque, old fashion ice cream social, and Steve Taylor's talk on one-room schools. (August)
Dave and Kathy Stacy have offered their Orange Pond homesite for the community barbeque. Dave, Kathy, and Sal will plan this event. Advanced tickets will be sold. An old fashion ice cream social could be held just up the road in Orange's last remaining one-room school house. Marilyn and Dave Johnson, Nancy and David Pike, and Anita have volunteered to organize this event. Gary will contact Steve Taylor about his one-room schoolhouse program.
- Traditional New England dance with a caller. (spring ?)
Gary will contact Dave Millstone, and Gulley Dunlap has offered to assist with this event.
- Do something appropriate with the Orange Town Park.
After some members of the Conservation Commission and the Historical Commission hiked this property along Orange Brook, members of the Conservation Commission indicated an interest in pursuing this project.
- A video presentation of historical photographs of Orange accompanied by background music and narration.
This could follow a pot luck supper at the Town House. Sandi Pierson has volunteered to do the video.

Other ideas

- Plant a tree (spring)
- Create a time capsule (late fall)
- Create a historical quilt (start early)
- Photograph of all town residents
- Create a calendar based on 250th Celebration
- Knit an Orange Cardigan for all new-borns
- 2019 Christmas Party with a historical theme

Those present stressed the importance of PUBLICITY to promote the many events and activities being planned: Valley News, NHPR, WMUR, WNTK, the town website, e-mails from the town office and Pat White, direct mailings, Town Report.

Other volunteers who have signed up to help

Beth DiFrancesco and Judith Lindahl

Nancy Pike has offered to make phone calls.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Orange Historical Commission held on September 10, 2018 were approved as printed.

Financial Report

Balance on hand in Historical Commission checking account: \$8,428.58

It was agreed to hold the next planning meeting on:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

7:00 P.M. – TOWN HOUSE

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Proulx, Chair