

## ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

#### MEETING MINUTES

1. Attendance: Sharon Proulx, Bob Proulx, Gary Hamel, Rosemary Hanes, Sal Guadagnino, Albert Emerson, Mary Ellen Shelzi, Dave Stacy, Kathy Stacy, Marilyn Johnson, Skip Smith, Anita Watson-Garland, Nancy Pike.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on August 5, 2019 were approved as printed.

3. Financial Report

Historical Commission check book balance on August 28, 2019	\$8,600.27
Town Capital Reserve Fund for celebration	\$2,000.00

Total	<u>\$10,600.27</u>
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4. Progress reports on events and activities

- Write and publish town history – Gary has a new chapter on “diggings” at early home dumps. He shared his display of artifacts from the French property, and explained his idea of establishing a time line with the artifacts.
- Historical quilt – Rosemary reported on the progress of the historical quilt; the quilt top is complete and will be tied on Tuesday, September 24. A group picture of the quilters with their signatures will be sewn on the back of the quilt
- Commemorative tee-shirts – There are only 30 of the tee-shirts left, with 61 of the 91 already sold. They will be on sale at the Orange Harvest Festival and our other upcoming events.
- Kathy gave a financial report on the very successful and enjoyable Community Barbeque. She reported that 135 meals were served, and she thanked the 24 volunteers who worked on this special event. Door prizes donated by the Mascoma Bank were drawn and awarded to Donna Hazelton, Beth DiFrancesco, and Marie Rosenbloom.
- Saturday, September 28: One-act play about Nathan Waldo and his family at 2:00 P.M. at the Town House, followed by a horse-drawn wagon ride to Orange Common Cemetery for the unveiling of the Waldo Memorial at 3:30.

Gary reported that he could not find enough actors to fill the 15-member cast of the one-act play, so he called on Marilyn Johnson and Rosemary Hanes to join him in doing a shorter program on the Waldo family. Everyone will meet and park at the Town House by 2:00 p.m., followed by the horse-drawn wagon rides to the Orange Common Cemetery where the program

will be held along with the unveiling of the Waldo Memorial. Refreshments will be served there. Wagon rides will be provided back to the Town House.

- Sunday, October 13: Orange Harvest Festival from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Items for the time capsule will be collected that day.

There was discussion about a secure and appropriately sized capsule, and protection around it to insure that it is kept safe and preserved for the next 50 years when it will be opened in 2069. Dave and Gary will work on this project.

- Saturday, October 26: Traditional New England Dance with caller, Dave Millstone, at 7:00 P.M. Dessert buffet featuring special "orange" recipes throughout the evening.

Details for this event will be worked out at the next planning meeting on Monday, October 7.

- Sunday, November 10: Dedication of the Orange Veterans' Memorial at 2:00 P.M. at the Town House.

Dave volunteered to draft the invitation which Sandi Pierson will mail to all veterans living in Orange. Gary will read the names of the veterans on the plaque at the ceremony.

- Sunday, December 8: Orange Christmas Party begins at 4:30 with a pot luck supper, followed by activities and a visit from Santa, and presentation of the historical quilt.

5. Other business

The members approved a motion to appropriate \$710.00 for the engraving of the Waldo Memorial stone.

It was approved to do another town-wide mailing about the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

The next planning meeting was set for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

6. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Proulx, Temporary Secretary