

250th Celebration Committee
November 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes - Draft

- Committee Status – The Select Board is considering designating this committee as a standing committee (as opposed to ad hoc) in order to facilitate its abilities related to spending town funds. The Town Administrator is researching this question and will report back to the Select Board.
- 501(c)(3) Organization – There was discussion of whether a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization should be created for fundraising efforts, with much discussion of the burden for reporting of such an organization. The issue was tabled pending further research into the advantages of forming a 501(c)(3) in this situation.
- Budgeting Information – Susan Baron will request the Town Administrator to contact counterparts in Conway and Sunderland requesting information regarding the budgets for their events, budgeting process and whether they created a 501(c)(3) organization for fundraising.
- Event Planning – Members discussed ideas for events to be included in a community-wide survey to assess interest. Susan Baron will develop the survey.
 - Parade
 - Fireworks
 - Gala/Formal Dance
 - Polka Dance
 - "Walking Through Whately" Historic Tour
 - Cemetery Reenactments
 - Community Barbecue
 - Town Block Party
 - Fireman's Muster
 - Photography Contest
 - Snowmobile Meet
 - Art Exhibit
 - Historic House Tours
 - Musical Performances
 - Battle of the Bands
 - Burying of Time Capsule
 - Yankee Candle Factory Tour
 - Antique Farm Equipment Display
 - Farmers Market
 - Tractor Pull
 - Strawberry Festival
 - Pumpkin Toss/Games
 - Snow Tubing/Sliding
 - Hay Wagon Rides through Hills
 - Farm/Greenhouse Tours

- Smith College Conservatory Tours
- National Police Week
- National Transportation Week
- National Fire Prevention Week
- Tri-Town Beach Events
- Beard Contest
- Archaeological Dig at Historic Site
- Ethnic Food Festival
- Kids' History Scavenger Hunt
- Special Historical Society Museum Exhibit
- Whately Haiku Contest
- Summer "Olympics" for Children
- Antique Car/Tractor Parade
- A list of potential fundraising ideas was generated for inclusion in the survey
 - "Buy-a-Brick" with Your Name for Town Hall
 - Calendar for the Year with Historic Pictures of Whately and Celebration Events
 - Community Cookbook
 - Commemorative Whately Pottery
 - Videos about Town History
 - Commemorative Whately Brooms
- The next meeting will be Monday, December 4 at 7pm at the Town Offices