

375<sup>th</sup> Celebration committee Meeting notes: 1/24/2008

Members present: Heather Gaunt, Lisa Leonard, Marilyn Fehrenbach, Doug Shipman, Pat Rinaldi, and Mary Thibeault. (Please let me know if I missed anyone)

The group spoke about the items that would need funding from the town's budget, so that a proposal could be put forth to the Town Manager for the upcoming budget process.

Research had provided some background to develop approximate costs for the items and events that were identified.

The main budget areas are:

- Banners & Signs
- Publicity
- Parade
- Fireworks

A request was made for \$50,000 which the Town Manager has put into her budget request for 2008-2009.

Several ideas were discussed including:

Bank sponsors for the Fireworks display...Celebrate "On the Banks of the Cove"

Requesting web development through the Data Services Department with a link form the Town's main web page

Printing posters with overall calendar of events

Logo contest in the Town's schools this school spring to be used for publicity.

Parade route using Wolcott Hill Road from former NU property to Mill Woods Park (approximately 2 miles), with an event/picnic/entertainment at Mill Woods park at parade's end.

The "House Parade" – Doug Shipman proposed an idea based on the cow parade concept in which Old style Colonial House Shapes would be made (School Superintendent will be approached to see if this can be done through the Tech. Ed. Shop at the High School). These would be "commissioned" by artists for decorating, to be displayed (along Old Main Street?) at some point in the celebratory year. Pictures of completed works could be taken for developing a calendar to be sold. Houses could be auctioned off with profits to pay for the materials or other event funding.

Future meeting dates are the fourth Thursday of the Month at **5:30 p.m.**\* at the Community Center. Hopefully these room assignments will not change, but please be aware the meetings will always be in the west wing.

**\*Please note time is 5:30pm, not 5pm**

Dates for 2008 are:

February 28, 2008      Room S-1

March 27, 2008        Room S-1

April 24, 2008        Room S-2

May 22, 2008          Room S-2

June 26, 2008         Room S-2

July 24, 2008         Room S-2

No August Meeting

September 25, 2008    Room s-2

October 23, 2008      Room S-2

November 20, 2008 (third TH due to Thanksgiving)

December 18, 2008 (third TH due to Christmas)

Please bring any planned event dates your group may have set for 2009 to the February meeting, as we will try to start our work on a master calendar with dates as well as developing our ideas!