

375th Celebration committee Meeting notes: 5/22/2008

Members present: Martin Walsh, Pat Rinaldi, Jean Ryan, Paul Courchaine, Charlotte Mead, Laurel Goodgion, Marlene DesJardins, Harry Lichtnbaum, Lisa Leonard, Heather Gaunt, Melissa Josefiak, Raul Rodriguez, Neill Walsh and Mary Thibeault.

The Town Council has budgeted \$25,000 for the 375th Celebration.

The reusable shopping bags are on sale for \$2.50 each at the Library, community Center office, and the Keeney Center.

Letterboxing through historical sites through he summer of 09 (June – September) will be headed by Jeanne Kelly and Laurel Goodgion.

Paul Courchaine will be in charge of the Parade sub-committee.

Melissa Josefiak gave an update on the Wethersfield book project. Scanning dates will be 5/28 from 4-8pm and 6/4 from 4-8pm. They hope to have the information to the publisher in July to have the book ready for sale for Christmas 2008.

The Old Wethersfield Shopkeepers Association Scarecrows on Main Street will be 9/26 – 10/24 2009. They will be having a special prize for a 375th themed scarecrow.

They also hope to have a spring event in conjunction with the Art League.

Men's Garden Club will have their heirloom plat sale May 9, 2009 with heirloom herb plants offered.

Harry Lichtenbaum will look into the Hartford Symphony for a possible performance in town and talk to Rae Ann Palmer about grants.

First Church of Christ is planning a Carillon Concert in late June or early July and may tie in with the 375th anniversary.

The Preserve America Grant was discussed and how it may help those trying to find their way into the historic destrict.

The Art League will be holding a 50th Anniversary Reception 6-9pm on June 6 at the Keeney Center.

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.

Dates for 2008 are:

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)