

Minutes of June 15, 2010 E250th Steering Committee

The Steering Committee for Enfield's 250th celebration met at 7 PM on June 15, 2010 at the DPW building. Those in attendance were: Sharon Phinney, Don Wyman, Jennifer Thody, Stephanie Gilchrist, Marjorie Carr, Mardy High, Helen Goodwin, Becky Powell, Paul Waehler, and co-chairs Dolores Struckhoff and Meredith Smith. New members Jennifer Thody and Stephanie Gilchrist were welcomed to the committee.

Dolores Struckhoff gave a logo contest update. The deadline for submissions has been extended to August 4th. It is anticipated that there will be several submissions which will result in a good logo for the celebration.

Paula Rowe gave a parade update. There is still the problem of finding a marching band. The consensus seemed to be that if a band could not be found, perhaps local Enfield musicians could be found, perhaps through List Serve, to form a local community band. Paula will put a notice on List Serve looking for local musicians.

Helen Goodwin reported that she had been in contact with Francine Louzeau regarding the Lockhaven Schoolhouse reenactment. She will also discuss this with the Principal at EVS. She is thinking that three 20 minute to half hours sessions would work well as a timeframe.

Paul Waehler and Marjorie Carr have reviewed and edited the walking tour brochure used in the bicentennial celebration. They have broken it down to five different geographic areas of the town. There is a need for a good, readable map that is not copyrighted. It was suggested that Jim Taylor might be able to create a map with his map plotter.

Don Wyman, representing the Methodist Church, reported that the church is all set to put on a supper on Friday, July 1. The menu for the supper is yet to be determined but it will be kept at an affordable price so all who want to can attend. Don said it would be most helpful for those preparing the supper to be able to sell tickets in advance. All agreed this was a good idea.

Meredith Smith asked Mardy High, Museum Board President, if it would be possible for the Enfield Shaker Museum to offer the Stone Mill Building for the town's use during the 250th celebration weekend. It has been suggested that the Mill Building would be an ideal site for the hoped-for all-Enfield musician concert. It would also be used for the Field Day the Museum will host. Mardy will check with the Museum as to availability of the Stone Mill.

Dolores Struckhoff attended the annual Enfield High School Reunion and told them of the planned 250th celebration. The group is excited about it and would like to change the date of their annual reunion to coincide with the 250th festivities.

Becky Powell reported that she is forming a committee to work on an oral history project. There was considerable discussion as to how to define the history project. Becky will discuss it further with Curtis Payne who is working with her on the project.

The possibility of having the Revels group perform during the celebration was brought up as they have performed in the past at Mt. Assurance. Mardy High will check on the Revels availability.

A suggestion was made to involve the schoolchildren at EVS in making banners as part of the celebration decorations. Sharon Phinney will discuss this with the EVS art teacher.

Jennifer Thody and Stephanie Gilchrist offered to work on organizing a street dance, to be held Friday evening, July 1 following the church supper. It is hoped that a local musicians can play at this event.

Meredith Smith brought up the issue of a town gift and the possibility of a bandstand. It was suggested that she check with the TIF committee as they may have funds available for this. A figure of \$25,000 has been quoted as a round figure for cost of building a bandstand.

When the issue of a budget was brought up, it was suggested that we inquire as to what other towns are budgeting for their celebrations to use as a guide to Enfield's celebration budget request. Meredith Smith will check with UV250 and Vital Communities regarding town budgets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on July 14 at a space yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Co-Chair