

## **Minutes of Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Committee**

### **8 August 2011 - Plainfield Library**

Members Attending: Margaret Drye, John Stephenson, Bev Widger, Allen Burns, Steve Taylor, Donna Beaupré, Breck Taber, Dewey Jones, Jane Fielder, Paul Mooney, Mike Sutherland, Dan Cantlin

#### **Items for Sale**

**License plates = a few left left.** T-shirts, bags and hats are available at the town libraries and through the historical society online website. **Breck will get the “merchandise” from libraries to sell: Friday p.m. at ice cream social, Saturday a.m. at Historical Society, Saturday afternoon at KUA field, Sunday afternoon at Historical Society, Sunday p.m. at Plainfield School.** McNamara Dairy milk bottles are available for \$10 each at both libraries; those who pre-ordered have all been notified. **Purchased bottles can be filled with chocolate milk at Sunday p.m. cookout.** The town photo taken 4th July 2011 is on sale - \$10 each. 100 copies on hand, can re-order.

#### **Other Events**

Rescue Squad to maintain a presence all weekend. Will have movable booth/pop-up tent. Merchandise tent set up along side. **Need 2 card tables for merchandise.**

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Jane = KUA vans and drivers for Friday and Saturday. John = the People Mover, picnic benches, and a golf cart. All are available for the full weekend.

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**Walkie-talkies???** = Doug. **Do we have them?**

**6 Porta-potties** needed and will remain in place: 1 Cory Taber Field, 1 Smith's field, 1 Meriden Fire Dept, 3 Plainfield Elementary School. Breck in charge. **Signage will designate placements. Jane is making signs? Needs locations.**

**Advertising on Valley News Calendar, other contact with VN, photos of Benning Wentworth and wife and one of Margaret Cassedy sent to VN Calendar. – Margaret will work on ConnectCornish, Union Leader. Banners already at Smith Auction Gallery and Meriden Fire Dept.**

#### **Programs for 250<sup>th</sup>**

The program was mailed to each family in Plainfield prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>. A copy of it will go into the time capsule. **Jane made and has additional schedules on poster boards to display at each event. Margaret made large posters to place around town – farm stand, deli, libraries....**

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8:45 pm - 10pm Concert Outdoor Concert by Newmont Military Band (near Smith Auction Gallery) made possible by a generous donation from the Plainfield Elementary School Class of 2012. **Band will begin playing as people arrive. Volunteers to greet and set up 22 chairs for band. Listeners to bring own chairs/blankets. Breck checked = no sound system, electricity is available, tent only for band. Bill Smith to leave another in place. If needed. Sound system possibly from Sue Ellen for speaking only. Dewey may have a sound board. Margaret to speak with Band Leader re: what is needed – sound. Rob Gattie may have something. [Update – Suellen’s portable mike will be sufficient.]**  
KUA vans and People Mover available for transport back to parade start. **Dewey in charge of extinguishing Tiki-torches, collecting fuel for use Saturday night at dance. Allen will help him.**

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**Volunteers – everybody - to move chairs afterwards to wall.**

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12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Lobster & Chicken BBQ at Meriden Fire Department with music by Loose Cannons (\$) **?electricity for the band???** **Porta-potty back left-hand corner. Also, toilets available Meriden Baptist Church, hockey rink, Flickinger, fire station. Note: a large group of motorcyclists (125) to be at Deli early afternoon.**

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Colonial Games for Children on Carver Field (next to Meriden Fire Station). Dewey to **borrow games Wednesday** from Billings Farm and return them by Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. Breck and Dan have **burlap sacks**. **Estabrook School to provide bottled water for children.**

3 – 4 pm Breck, John, Doug to bring 2 **picnic tables to Cory Taber field and 3 to Plainfield Elementary School.**

1 pm - 4 pm Softball Game on Hall Farm Field and Field Games on Carver Field (next to Meriden Fire Station) **Softball equipment stored at Kathy Gregorowitz's house.**

**Dan/Breck to collect. Mike Taupier to help all afternoon with games wherever needed.**

1 pm - 4 pm Make a Kite at Meriden Library **Ice cream from 1-3 pm from Good Humor Truck. First 100 children receive tokens for free ice cream. Cost after that.**

1 pm - 4 pm Walking Tours of KUA led by local KUA students Tours starting on the hour at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm at Barnes Admissions Building **Van available if needed.**

2 pm Hike up French's Ledges – meet at Meriden Fire Department Alice Eberhart to lead hike

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6:30 pm - 8 pm Square Dance at Plainfield Town Hall. Move **chairs to wall after dance.**

**???**Sound system needed? = **Margaret. Piano to be tuned before Saturday = Nancy.**

7:30 pm - ? Full Moon Dance at Cory Taber Field featuring *No Sudden Moves* Refreshments, **including hotdogs**, provided by Blow Me Down Grange (\$) **Need Volunteers for church tent up, white lights in trees.** Bev to ask Doug Plummer **to check electricity outlets. Mike has a large gauge extension cord if needed and will assist with setting up. Tiki torches may be needed. If rain..... Town Hall or Christ Community Church.**

### **Sunday Morning in Meriden Village**

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Followed by – **Ceremony at Plainfield Cemetery** David Fielder pipes, **flowers of remembrance (Dewey contacted Lynn Ambrosi), Major McKinley Color Guard, American and New Hampshire flags, no musket firing, as a civilian honoring celebration as well as a remembrance, Concluding prayer – Dewey. [May have political dignitaries speak there instead of Town Hall – we'll see who ends up coming.] ???Sound system???**

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6 pm - Dark – Picnic and Corn Roast (bring a picnic, corn provided) Ellen Langsner and Margaret walked through. **Grills 400 feet from fireworks in back field. Procure and set up grill Sunday afternoon, Mike Taupier, Jim Willette, Murray Dewdney. 6 bushels (250 ears) corn from Pooh Sprague. 450 people can eat in school gym if raining. 3 Porta-potties set up near double garage, dumpster, 60 folding chairs (school), trash cans. Paul Roberts, Margaret and Steve walked area to determine seating arrangements with parents able to view children on playground and determine way to keep everyone at least 400 feet way from fireworks set-up. [Police will provide caution tape.] Steve to provide ketchup, mustard, and butter from Cabot Creamery.**

6:30 pm - Dusk Concert by the Upper Valley Community Band **Volunteers for chairs and tent for band. Are lights necessary? Plainfield Community Church does have a tent if necessary.**

**Recognition of David Smith and Tim Smith for designing the wonderful Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> logo.**

**McNamara Dairy will fill any commemorative bottle purchased at**

**Picnic (or brought clean from home) with chocolate milk. They'll bring the milk machine. Need electricity.**

Contact **neighbors with horses** – Cordima, **(Margaret will contact)**

Dusk – Fireworks Frank Currier and a person with license. **Fire chief to sign permit – Done.**

**Additional notes**

**If rain on Sunday night –Fireworks Rain date Monday night.**

Annamay Chapman has volunteered to do some costume sewing.

Mary Mills has colonial children"s children to loan.

People urged to dress in Colonial Garb, especially Sunday.

Steve Halloran wants photos of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup>.

Committee to have follow-up meeting after the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**MUST** write letter of appreciation to ALL participants and supporters of the celebration ---  
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???Press notified to cover events???

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**Next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting Friday,  
12<sup>th</sup> August at the  
CELEBRATION'S BEGINNING!**

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**Upper Valley Towns** Upper Valley Life magazine has generously offered a full-page ad in its next issue for the 12 middle Grant towns to publicize their events. Margaret submitted our information.

**Speaker for April 26<sup>th</sup>** DVD copies of Prof. Jere Daniell's talk about Plainfield are at the libraries and at the Historical Society.

**Items for Sale** The initial order of 100 license plates sold out. We have 62 more. To date they have earned a profit of almost \$2000. T-shirts, bags and hats are available at the town libraries and through the historical society website. To date, sales of these items have totaled ca \$1375. McNamara Dairy milk bottles are moving and available for \$10. each at both libraries. All these items were for sale at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

The town website is now offering an on-line store. Mike Sutherland has worked on details and items are on sale using PayPal. John Stephenson has agreed to be in charge of shipping any 250th items sold that way.

## Volunteer Meeting

- 1) Attendants are needed to staff the Art Show at the Aidron Duckworth Museum which runs weekends in August opening 12 August through Labor Day weekend. Set up will begin 5 August. The museum is open 10 – 4, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. No experience necessary. Contact Elizabeth Lurie at [ehlurie@comcast.net](mailto:ehlurie@comcast.net) if interested.
- 2) Volunteers are needed to pass out Glo Sticks at the torchlight parade on Friday.
- 3) Attendants are needed to help with seating at the concert following the parade.
- 4) Volunteers are needed to set up and take down chairs for the Puppet Show at the Town Hall on Saturday morning.
- 5) Volunteers are needed to help sell merchandise on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the anniversary weekend and to man an information booth.
- 6) Volunteers are needed to decorate trees for the outdoor dance on Saturday night.
- 7) Re-enactors or persons interested in dressing in period costumes are needed for the re-enactment of the charter signing on Sunday. No experience necessary.
- 8) **Volunteers to take videos and photos during the celebration \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Jane to see if Kit Creeger will video and/or Alex Liston? We also could use a few sets of walkie-talkies. Doug knows of several sets that we can borrow.**

Drivers for buses/people mover may be needed. John has contacted Town Line about the People Mover, picnic benches, and a golf cart. All are available for the full weekend. Question about drivers and insurance taken care of by Steve Halleran.

**Other Events** Young people of the Meriden Baptist Church are planning an antique auto show at the church from 10AM – 2PM, during the cook out on Saturday.

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Margaret talked to the Rescue Squad about maintaining a presence all weekend. Cornish members will be covering for Plainfield members Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Art Show** The insurance must be out-of-network. AB Gile will cover for \$500, more than our anticipated cost. **Volunteers for each weekend needed.**

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** Mary Cassedy, a descendant of early Plainfield Freeman and Daniels families, rode in the parade as Grand Marshall.

The town photo was taken after the parade in the manner and place of the one taken 25 years ago. John, Donna, Carl and Jean Strong sold 250<sup>th</sup> items in front of Plainfield Library.

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8:45 pm - 9:30 pm Concert Outdoor Concert by Newmont Military Band (near Smith Auction Gallery) Made possible by a generous donation from the Plainfield Elementary School Class of 2012. Breck and Margaret working on tents, porta-potty, lighting, hand sanitizers at dollar store or Breck to contact Unifirst to see if the company will donate/rent sanitizers. **Volunteers to greet and set up chairs for band.** \_\_\_\_\_  
Listeners to bring own chairs/blankets.

Van and people mover available for transport back to parade start (and to move any who want to be in the parade but can't walk it.) Question: insurance for busses. People Mover cannot back up, must have a circular path to reverse direction.

### **Saturday Morning in Plainfield Village Volunteers to set up/take down chairs at Town Hall.**

7:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast at Plainfield Community Baptist Church. (\$)

10 am - 11 am Puppet Show at the Town Hall sponsored by the Plainfield Library. Contract signed \$500. **Volunteers to set up chairs** - Thursday or Friday?

9 am - 12 pm Plainfield Historical Society Open House with DVDs (Donna to contact Jill Daley and Bev to get 2 DVDs combined.

9 am - 12 pm Post Office Stamp Cancellation at the Plainfield Historical Society (\$) Dewey has ordered materials – 200 covers plus insert. Also has 3 sheets of Old Man in the Mountain stamps. Cancellation has been approved. Charge will be \$3. each envelope. Our cost ca \$100.

### **Saturday Afternoon in Meriden Village**

10 am - 2 pm Antique & Old Car Show at Meriden Baptist Church. Stuart and Kim Adams in charge

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Lobster & Chicken BBQ at Meriden Fire Department with music by Loose Cannons (\$) Parking at Claude's garage, along Route 120, KUA hockey rink. ?electricity for the band???

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Colonial Games for Children on Carver Field (next to Meriden Fire Station). Dewey to borrow games from Billings Farm and return them by Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. Dan and Breck in charge

1 pm - 4 pm Softball Game on Hall Farm Field and Field Games on Carver Field (next to Meriden Fire Station) Dan needs burlap/feed bags

1 pm - 4 pm Make a Kite at Meriden Library ???possible ice cream

1 pm - 4 pm Walking Tours of KUA led by local KUA students  
Tours starting on the hour at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm at Barnes Admissions Building  
*Vans available if needed* Jane to find driver/s

2 pm Hike up French's Ledges – meet at Meriden Fire Department Alice Eberhart to lead hike

### **Saturday Evening in Plainfield Village**

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Reception for Plainfield School Alumni at the Plainfield Historical Society Club House – Ray Reed/Jane Fielder to record stories **Volunteers for punch and for photographs** \_\_\_\_\_

6:30 pm - 8 pm Square Dance at Plainfield Town Hall

7:30 pm - ? Full Moon Dance at Cory Taber Field featuring *No Sudden Moves*  
Refreshments provided by Blow Me Down Grange (\$) **Need Volunteers for picnic tables, church tent up, white lights in trees.** \_\_\_\_\_  
All new lights will be in the field.

### **Sunday Morning in Meriden Village**

7:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast at Meriden Congregational Church (\$) Diane Minard in charge

10 am - 11am Joint Church Service in Flickinger Arts Center at KUA Dewey in charge.  
Sue Ellen organizing a choir to practice 2 Wed nights in August. David Fielder bagpipes  
Honoring friends who have died

### **Sunday Afternoon in Plainfield Village**

1 pm - Charter Signing Re-enactment at Plainfield Town Hall Ray Reed – reads segments of charter; Greg Marshall King George; Bill Chappelle and Laine Gillespie Benning and Mrs. Wentworth. Senator Matt Houde, ?Gov Lynch, Councilor Ray Burton, Selectman from Plainfield CT.

Followed by - Time Capsule creation at Plainfield Town Hall [to be filled soon after the weekend]. Doug suggested a son of Nathan Cass to construct a wooden box, ca 30l"x18w"x24h", to enclose a plastic tub for storing the materials. **Steve has some boards he will donate of "Choice White Pine"**. People Mover to be at Town Hall.



Followed by – Ceremony at Plainfield Cemetery Dewey in charge David Fielder pipes

1 pm – 3 pm Plainfield Historical Society Open House

1 pm – 5 pm Open House at Plainfield Town Hall for viewing of Parrish Stage Set

### **Sunday Evening in Meriden Village (Plainfield Elementary School)**

6 pm - Dark – Picnic and Corn Roast (bring a picnic, corn provided) Ellen Langsner and Margaret to walk through **Volunteers to procure and set up grill**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Porta-potties**

6:30 pm - Dusk Concert by the Upper Valley Community Band **Volunteers for chairs and tent for band** \_\_\_\_\_

Dusk – Fireworks Frank Currier and a person with license. **Fire chief to sign permit**

### **Additional notes**

**If rain on Sunday pm ??? Rain date will be Monday, August 15**

Annamay Chapman has volunteered to do some costume sewing.

Mary Mills has colonial children's children to loan.

People urged to dress in Colonial Garb, especially Sunday.

Steve Halloran wants photos of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup>.

Breck needs list of exact locations for porta-potties.

Finances seem on track with revenue from sales of clothing, plates, bottles to pay for music, porta-potties, envelopes, etc. The 2<sup>nd</sup> town appropriation will be used for fireworks.

MUST write letter of appreciation to ALL participants and supporters of the celebration - -- via website, Plain Facts, newspaper...

???Press notified to cover events??? – Ernie Kohlsaat

All new information pertaining to 250<sup>th</sup> should go to Mike and Margaret (such as bring lawn chairs).....

**Next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting Monday, 1 August at 7 pm (note time) at the Plainfield Library.**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE! THANKS!**

# **Minutes of Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Committee**

## **6 June 2011 - Plainfield Library**

### **Members Attending:**

Margaret Drye, Elizabeth Lurie, John Stephenson, Bev Widger, Nancy Norwalk, Donna Beaupre, Mike Sutherland, Dan Cantlin, Breck Taber, Dewey Jones, Doug Chapman, Steve Taylor.

### **Upper Valley Towns**

Upper Valley Life magazine has generously offered a full-page ad in its next issue for the 12 middle Grant towns to publicize their events. (That's one page divided 12 ways.) We decided to use our space for our logo, a 'save the date' notice, and the town website address for more information. Margaret submitted our information. She has not yet heard back from the staff person at the magazine.

### **Speaker for April 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Plainfield Historical Society talk with speaker Jere Daniell on the 26<sup>th</sup> was a terrific success! Around 100 people attended and we needed to move the event to the church to fit everyone. The talk was well received and set a nice groundwork for the events that will follow. DVD copies of Prof. Daniell's talk are at the libraries and the Historical Society.

### **Items for Sale**

The license plates have sold out! We have ordered 50 more, which have been made. It is now legal to put them on cars and they have been appearing all over. [1 May 2011-30 April 2012]. Breck has gotten the shirts, bags and hats. They will be available at the libraries. McNamara Dairy Milk Bottles are also in and available for \$10. each at both libraries. Those who pre-ordered them at Town Meeting have been contacted. Mary McNamara is considering offering a free milk fill-up to those who purchase a bottle. She will contact us when she has the details worked out. We cannot order more as we were able only to order when McNamaras placed their bulk order for bottles. 125 of the 248 bottles have been spoken for. Margaret has pre-orders set aside. Those used as center-pieces at the Senior Luncheon were purchased that day.

All these items will be for sale at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. We will need to set-up and man a table, probably on the Plainfield Library lawn.

The town website is now offering an on-line store. Mike Sutherland has worked on details and items are on sale using PayPal, with the first order coming within two hours.

The site is impressive, clear, and easily managed. All orders need to go through Nancy. **John Stephenson has agreed to be in charge of shipping any 250<sup>th</sup> items sold that way.**

### **Volunteer Meeting**

The meeting for volunteers on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Plainfield Library didn't draw a large crowd, but it did generate phone calls and sign-ups for multiple events. Here is the list we came up with for Plain Facts:

- 1) Attendants are needed to staff the Art Show at the Aidron Duckworth Museum which runs weekends in August opening 12 August through Labor Day weekend. Set up will begin 5 August. The museum is open 10 – 4, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. No experience necessary. Contact Elizabeth Lurie at [ehlurie@comcast.net](mailto:ehlurie@comcast.net) if interested.
- 2) Volunteers are needed to pass out Glo Sticks at the torchlight parade on Friday.
- 3) Attendants are needed to help with seating at the concert following the parade.
- 4) Volunteers are needed to set up and take down chairs for the Puppet Show at the Town Hall on Saturday morning.
- 5) Volunteers are needed to help sell merchandise on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the anniversary weekend and to man an information booth.
- 6) Volunteers are needed to decorate trees for the outdoor dance on Saturday night.
- 7) Re-enactors or persons interested in dressing in period costumes are needed for the re-enactment of the charter signing on Sunday. No experience necessary.

We also could use a few sets of walkie-talkies. Doug knows of several sets that we can borrow.

Any committee member who has need of volunteers for any other specific task should let Margaret know so she can put it in the next Plain Facts.

Drivers for buses/people mover may be needed. **John has contacted Town Line about the People Mover, picnic benches, and a golf cart. All are available for the full weekend. Question about drivers and insurance.**

### **Other Events**

Members of the Meriden Baptist Church are planning an antique auto show at the church from 10AM – 2PM, during the cook out on Saturday.

**Bev Widger has been in touch with the cello group. There are 12 cellists, too many for the clubhouse. Perhaps a concert at the Town Hall can be arranged for another time this year, rather than on this particular weekend. Mary Gilmore is the contact person for Bev.**

The Valley News published a Kids' Calendar recently as a supplement. It included the entire calendar for our weekend events.

Heath Sisters are working on updated lyrics to "Plainfield Dear Plainfield".

We would like to set up an information booth during the weekend. Possible facilities include borrowing the Egg Stand down on 12-A across from Townline or the former Ice Cream stand from the General Store. **Margaret will talk to the Oberkotters about the ice cream stand. Perhaps a pop-up tent.**

**Margaret talked to the Rescue Squad about maintaining a presence all weekend. Cornish members will be covering for Plainfield members Friday, Saturday and Sunday.**

### **Art Show**

Elizabeth reported that she has 70 pieces for the Art Show, with a total value for insurance coverage of about \$75,000. [ca \$200 cost]. If we can borrow the Paul Sample painting of Meriden that belongs to KUA, the insurance would necessarily be for much more. She has contacted several magazines for placing announcements for this event. She will need to buy supplies for transporting the artwork. The Duckworth Museum staff will assist with organizing. Bios needed for artists. Set up crew needed, and docents each weekend. A table will display the 250<sup>th</sup> souvenirs, which also will be available for sale at the Meriden Library.

### **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

As the Williams family dates back to the early founders, the family plans to have a float in the parade. Robbie Williams is in charge.

Question as to Mary Cassedy's connection to a founding family. Dewey to speak with her. Considering a special vehicle for the elders of founding families. Car, horse drawn carriage.....

Town photo to be taken after the parade in the manner and place of the one taken 25 years ago. Abbey Marsh in charge.

John and Donna to help sell 250<sup>th</sup> items in front of Plainfield Library and Donna to ask for help from Carl and Jean Strong and Ida Burroughs.

### **Programs for 250<sup>th</sup>**

Steve needs material for the program --- forward from Margaret, etc. He has included the schedule and a timeline decade by decade of interesting happenings. Deadline is very soon as the program must be to the printer by 4th July.

Brad Atwater suggested a comparison be written between daily life in 1761 and 2011.

## Schedule

### Friday (Plainfield Village)

7pm-8pm North Country Chordsmen (20 people) \$200 The committee received a supportive letter from Allan Burns. Christ Community Church has plans to host children and adults for the beginning festivities. Steve to contact Allan Burns re: the ice cream truck. Questions: parking at Christ Community Church, handicap parking along 12A, cones from Paul Roberts, Doug mentioned that the elementary school uses a bus with a wheelchair lift.

8pm-8:30pm Torchlight Parade – Bev has almost 200 Glo-Sticks. John has 30 Tiki torches for along the road, perhaps also McNamaras have some. Dewey to help set up. ?? oil.

8:30pm – 9:15pm Concert Breck and Margaret working on tents and porta-potty. Hand sanitizers at dollar store or Breck to contact Unifirst to see if the company will donate/rent sanitizers.

Buses available for transport back to Parade start. Question: insurance for busses. People Mover cannot back up, must have a circular path to reverse direction.

### Saturday morning (Plainfield Village)

7:30am – 9:30am Breakfast at Plainfield Community Baptist Church. There is a charge per person.

10am – 11am Puppet Show \$500 Chairs in Town Hall will be needed to be set up.

9am – 12pm Historical Society Open House

9am – 12pm? Post Office Stamp available at Historical Society. Nancy checked. Original drawing rejected, so another has been submitted.

Dewey to place order for 200 special envelopes, plus inserts --- ca \$100 cost. He has 2 sheets of unused 3 cent stamps picturing the Old Man of the Mountains to affix to envelopes.

Saturday afternoon (Meriden Village) *Buses available to transport from Plainfield to Meriden*

12:30pm – 2:00pm BBQ Lunch at Meriden Firehouse --- chicken and possible lobster. A charge per person. Randy Budner's band to play. Honorarium to band members, also to Doug Ditzel's band. Question: Parking at Claude's garage and along Route 120? Dan to ask.

12:30pm – 4:00pm Games on KUA track and softball field. Dewey has arranged to borrow games from Billings Farm and return them by Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. Mike Taupier and Gordy Hewes recommended for softball organization. Steve suggested scrub rules.

1pm -4 Tours of KUA/French's Ledges – Columbus Jordan Road entrance Buses available. Question: Parking at the hockey rink?

Saturday evening (Plainfield Village)

4:30pm – 6:30pm Reception for Plainfield School Alumni at Historical Society Club House – Ray Reed to record stories

6:30pm – 8pm Square Dance \$200

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(Cornish's Cornstock is same night)

Sunday (Meriden Village)

8am – 9:30am Breakfast at Meriden Congregational Church. A charge per person.

10am – 11am Joint Service at KUA Flickinger Auditorium. To date participants include Suellen, John and Susan Gregory-Davis, Don Jordan and Dewey. Dewdy will give the address.

1pm - ? Charter Signing Reenactment (Major McKinley Camp Color Guard) and celebrating the Time Capsule [to be filled soon after the weekend]. Doug suggested a son of Nathan Cass to construct a wooden box, ca 2'x3', to enclose a plastic tub for storing the materials. Steve has some boards he will donate of “Choice White Pine”. Dignitaries speaking??, Visitors from Connecticut speaking ???, service at cemetery. Reading Charter --- suggestion of Ray Reed. David Fielder and friends to play the pipes. Bugler playing taps. Suggested for King George III --- Gregory Marshall. [He will do it] and suggested for Benning Wentworth --- Bill Chappelle. Donna to ask him.

6pm – Dark – Potluck Corn Roast Margaret called school about use of bathrooms and use of gym in case of inclement weather. Answer was no to both. However, she will be given a key. Porta potties needed. Steve noted that a long grill will be needed for hamburgers and hotdogs which people may be bringing in their picnics. Also a table with condiments. Fire pit in the gravel for the corn.

6:30pm – Dusk Community Band Chairs and tent for band.

Dusk – Fireworks Frank Currier

**Additional notes**

Bev asked about plans for walking tours. John to ask Jane Stephenson. Also Bev put forward idea of committee members wearing a bright tee shirt. Having maps showing route to Meriden from Plainfield would be good for visitors. The Historical Society mailing of this week will include information about the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mike will be making some small changes to the website. Committee impressed with it. Oreo Truffles recipe on Allrecipes.com . Thanks to Margaret's girls.

**Next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting Monday, 11 July at 7 pm (note time) at the Plainfield Library.**

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# Minutes of Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Committee

## May 19, 2011 - Plainfield Library

Members Attending:

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## Volunteer Meeting

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Drivers for buses/people mover may be needed. **John will call Town Line about the People Mover, picnic benches, and a golf cart.**

## Other Events

Members of the Baptist Church are still considering an antique auto show at the church with a cook out on Saturday.

**Bev Widger will get in touch with the cello group to decide on an appropriate venue for their music.**

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## Art Show

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6pm – Dark – Potluck Corn Roast **Margaret will call school about use of bathrooms and use of gym in case of inclement weather.**

6:30pm – Dusk Community Band

Dusk – Fireworks

Next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting Monday, June 6 at 7 pm (note time) at the Plainfield Library.

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE! THANKS!**

## Plainfield 250 Meeting – Jan. 10, 2011 Philip Read Library

In attendance: Margaret Drye, Donna Beaupre, Laura Dintino, Jane Fielder, Dewey Jones, Elizabeth Lurie, John Stephenson, Breck Taber, Stephen Taylor, Allen Burns and Mike Sutherland.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Jane will send a list of the floats from the 1961 parade to Margaret to pass on to the Plainfield parade organizers. Donna expressed concern about the marauding Indian factor of the 1961 parade and hoped that a float about Native American life could be substituted. John and Donna Moody of the Winter Center for Indigenous Studies might be of help. There was talk of getting a Concord Coach for the Grand Marshalls to ride in. Dewey will do some research about descendants of early settlers, including a write up for Plainfacts asking for information about remaining descendants from settlers as early as 1761-1764. The Plainfacts deadline is 1/20. Margaret will remind the parade organizers about a townwide photo.

**UV 250:** the new regional logo was displayed and some feedback was given. Laura will pass the feedback to the artist. More of an O needed in the handprint. Regional plans are moving along. Towns are working on their own celebrations and working on regional things too, like the speakers' series and Super Quest. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at PES will be writing a Colonial Quest this spring with Kathleen Maslan. More details to come. It was decided that the Super Quest clue for Plainfield will be The Ferry sign on River Road. And the clue will have information about the other ferry to Hartland too. Steve Taylor will send Laura a paragraph about the history of the ferries. (And maybe a photo.)

**Program:** Steve reported that some money (\$500) was award from the Tasker Covered Bridges Fund toward printing the program. He is going to work on some more corporate sponsors to fund it. He will get a quote from Jerry Doolittle. And there was talk of adding a copy of the Charter to the program.

**Contracts and other official stuff:** Margaret has signed contracts with the fireworks company and the Newmont Military Band. Nancy is awaiting a formal letter from Margaret to sign with the North Country Chordsmen. Steve Halloran is working on town wide insurance. And Paul Roberts on parade permits. Donna will donate patterns of historic costumes to both libraries that folks can borrow if they would like to sew costumes for themselves. Both libraries will get copies of PES (Jill Daley) oral histories of Plainfield to play.

**Logo:** Steve is working on a commemorative plate with the Plainfield logo on it. He is awaiting the approval of the commissioner. The plates will be priced to sell and folks will have to order ahead of time. The logo will also be used a variety of other items including the program. Breck will plan to meet with TK Sportswear to discuss the costs and number of logo printed items including: caps, tee-shirts, banners, mugs, totes, bumper stickers, car decals. Margaret will talk to the McNamara's about a commemorative milk bottle. And Dewey will work with Nancy on the postage cancellation stamp.

**Northeast Waste:** The price is reduced to \$100 per unit for the weekend. We need to decide how many and where they will be placed. Perhaps 3 at PES and 3 at the auction yard? Maybe some near the Meriden fire department and the school?

**Art Show:** Elizabeth has drafted a letter to send around to folks that have art done by Plainfield artists. She will follow up the letter with a phone call. She is working on the insurance solution and has options. She has secured pedestals and cases from KUA. The art show will be at the Aidron Duckworth museum and will be open the whole month of August. It will be a multi media show, not just paintings. KUA has a lot of art that is in storage that could be displayed.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Friday Evening:** Ice cream social. The Granite State Dairy ice cream trailer has been reserved by Steve. It comes with one worker; other volunteers will need to be recruited. Alan will try and recruit some from the church, and the committee will fill in if need be. Alan will try and get some toppings donated and water bubblers. Allen will set up risers and chairs. The North Country Chordsmen will perform at 7pm. This will be followed by the torch light parade down Main St. to the auction grounds. Bagpipes here?? The Cornish Fair people mover and a couple of KUA vans will be available for older folks. People should be prepared to carry their blankets or chairs down the street. Under the tent (or in town hall in inclement weather) the Newmont Military Band will perform from 8:30 until 10pm. The tent will need lighting and 22 folding chairs. There was talk of borrowing collapsible picnic tables from Stateline Equipment. And a tractor will be needed to pull the people mover.

**Saturday Morning:** Breakfast at the Plainfield Community Church – they are all set. Nancy is organizing a puppet show at the library.

**Saturday Lunch:** Lobster & chicken BBQ at the Meriden Fire Dept. being discussed by Doug at a simultaneous meeting. In the afternoon, there will be a soft ball game at KUA field, children's games from the 19<sup>th</sup> century loaned to us by Billings Farm & Museum, a hike up French's Ledges, some event at the Meriden Library (tbd), a fun run, and a KUA tour.

**Saturday Evening:** A Square Dance at Plainfield Town Hall called by Don Elder of Lyme from 7 – 8:30 pm. Bev is organizing an alumni reunion from 8:30 to 9 pm. From 9 – 11 pm there will be a dance at the Corey Taber Field. Steve will recruit a band or two. Bev will help Steve with the bands. Looking into BYOB.

**Sunday Morning:** Breakfast at Meriden Congregational Church – Donna is working with Diane Minard. A joint church service is being organized by Dewey perhaps at Flickinger Auditorium at KUA.

**Sunday Afternoon:** Jane, Margaret and Donna will organize the program which may include: reading of the charter by Gov. Wentworth, inviting dignitaries from the area and CT, bag pipes, singing historic songs, a brief memorial at the cemetery and the time capsule.

**Sunday Evening:** Bring your own picnic and corn roast at the PES. Steve is organizing any other re-enactments there. Perhaps a fire pit in the parking lot? Upper Valley Community Band will play from 6:30 to 7:45 followed by fireworks. KUA is the rain location and the fireworks could be moved to another night in case of bad weather.

**Chore List:**

**Margaret:** McNamara Dairy, Square Dance, Sunday afternoon planning

**Steve:** license plates, program, Sat. night bands, Sunday night corn roast.

**Dewey:** stamp cancellation with Nancy, grand marshal recruiting, cemetery program, time capsule, field games from Billings

**Breck:** TK Sportwear, fun run, NE Waste, tent lighting for Friday night

**Jane:** list of floats, KUA tour, Bagpipes

**Nancy:** Chordsmen, Puppet show

**Doug:** BBQ

**Alan:** Friday night organization

**Bev:** Alumni Reunion, Sat. dance, Sunday afternoon

**Donna:** Patterns to libraries, Sunday afternoon

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 10, at 7 pm at the library

## **250<sup>th</sup> Plainfield Celebration Committee Meeting of 27 September 2010**

Attending: Margaret Drye, Nancy Norwalk, John Stephenson, Breck Taber, Steve Taylor, Jane Fielder, Donna Beaupre'

Review of minutes from 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Use 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade as time to advertise the August Celebration.

McNamaras are enthusiastic; considering special milk bottle edition using logo.

Would this committee be the Grand Marshalls during Parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> ?

Would 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders re-enact the NH history play? – Mindy Taber, Larry Wolkin.

Steve T. contact for music.

Upper Valley 250<sup>th</sup> planning progressing = steam engine to Fairlee; Jere Daniell lectures; Logo for all towns not yet determined; Tent availability; Valley News town-by-town articles soon; next mtg 21 Oct.

## **Review Layout for Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

### **Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Ice Cream Social located on grounds of Christ Community Church. Margaret to contact church re: availability, bathroom access, children's games.

Taylor Farm, McNamara Dairy sponsors. Steve to contact NH Granite State Dairy Association for the ice cream trailer. McNamara Dairy, Taylor's Farm, stores ?, ForeU ?, to provide toppings.

Possibility of Upper Valley Chordsmen playing 6:30pm to 8:00 pm during Ice Cream Social. Nancy to contact the group.

8:00pm Torch Light Parade... Period costumes encouraged.

Tiki torches [4 – 6] for leaders in parade. Bev to order glow sticks from Oriental Trading Company; Doug/John to locate torches; Suellen to plan luminaries; Margaret to talk with town office re: closing Route 12A, street lights off; Jane to ask David Fielder to play the bagpipes during the parade. John Stephenson has torches.

9:00pm Music Performance upper section of town [barbeque area]

Breck to request use of land and tent [for band] and car parking area; Steve to ask George Edson about the Cornish Fair people mover; \_\_\_\_\_ to provide tractor to pull it;

Jane to request a KUA van; Breck to speak with Bill Smith re: tents and bathroom access; \_\_\_\_\_ to provide water during performance. Margaret to look into heritage Brass Quintet Friday night in Plainfield as their music date and place; \_\_\_\_\_ Porta-Potties;

### **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am – 9:00am Breakfast at Plainfield Community Church – Margaret to contact Suellen

Quilt show - place still to be determined

Fishing Derby - contact person Dewey. Possible groups Meriden Deli, Fish farm, Fish & Game, Recreation Dept.

Art Show - contacts Elizabeth and Nancy – art/crafts through the years [show open from dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.]

Historical Society Open House – Bev contact

12:00 noon – 2:00pm Barbecue Steve to contact John Woodward Poor re: MVFD doing it. Tickets in advance.

Afternoon: Cory's Field for games. Breck and Recreation Department

Softball at Hughes Field. Margaret and Recreation Department

2.5 mile run. Course layout and planning [possibly 1 run for kids and 1 for adults] - Breck and Mindy (possibly one race in a.m.)

Open House Tour – Plainfield [including Clubhouse] and ?? Meriden - Jane S. and John, costumes encouraged!

KUA Tour – Jane F. to ask

Yard Sale/s –Mindy to request Lise Davini to organize – one or two, Plainfield and KUA track

Supper - ??Ann and Terry from the Plainfield Store and Meriden Deli; ??other organizations; ?? individuals;

7:00pm – 8:30 Calico Ball: caller Don Elder of Lyme or ????. Margaret and Nancy to contact. This is for children and adults.

8:30 on Other musicians : Randy Budner, Doug Ditzel, Pooh Sprague, - contact Steve.

Highlight attending Plainfield School Alums – Bev contact

### **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**



7:00am – 9:00am Breakfast Meriden Congregational Church, Singing Hills, contact Donna

\_\_\_\_am Joint Church Service in \_\_\_\_\_. ( Dewey )

1:00pm Re-enactment of Charter signing with Governor Wentworth attending. Proceed to Plainfield Cemetery for \_\_\_\_\_. Steve to contact. Ask Jane Stephenson about contacts to invite from Plainfield & Meriden, CT.

6:30pm Pot Luck Supper at PES. Steve to contact Upper Valley Community Band; Lynds and Geordie for music during?; John to contact Town Line re: tables and chairs/Smith tent. ??Pooh Sprague for corn;

8:00pm – 8:30pm Fireworks at Plainfield Elementary School. Frank Carrier has set-up ability. Ellen Langsner to look into it.

Town Photo at 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

Could Jill Daley and the group of students have a portion of their Plainfield history powerpoint available for showing at the town meeting in March and have it completed and running on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July after the parade?

Studied the several logo possibilities submitted by Tim Smith. Agreed on 1 design with requests to move some of the type and have the overall appearance take a rectangular form. A second design may be more applicable for the license plate. Uses of logo = postal stamp, McNamara milk bottles, coffee mugs, tee shirts, baseball hats, plates, coins....

Steve had the souvenir program from Dover, VT.

Next meeting – Monday, 25 October at 7:00pm at the Plainfield Library.

Donna Beaupre'

## **Minutes of Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Committee June 2, 2010 - Plainfield Library**

Members Attending:

Margaret Drye, , Elizabeth Lurie, Doug Chapman, Steve Taylor, Donna Beaupre, Breck Taber, John Stephenson, Bev Widger, Dewey Jones, Nancy Norwalk plus Jane Fielder from KUA and Laura Dintino from Vital Communities

Minutes from last meeting reviewed:

Regional planning group:

Next meeting end of June – meets every other month

No joint regional project interest yet

Publicity – Valley News will do an article /week starting in January followed by a Summer tabloid pull out of all regional events

Most other towns are planning to celebrate in conjunction with their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Early Settlement Quests will be available throughout the region

Jere Daniell spoke

John Moody spoke about the Abenaki

Jere Daniell is willing to do a lecture circuit – Best to book him for April/May as a precursor to celebration.

There was lots of response to Margaret's article. But only 1 response to the Regional Logo Contest among high schoolers. It was suggested we return to the images by Dave Smith for a Plainfield logo. Nancy will check with him. Abby Marsh was suggested as a possible logo designer.

This meeting was focused on logistics questions surrounding the planned events.

### **Friday Night – August 12<sup>th</sup> Plainfield Village side of town**

6:30 pm – **Ice Cream Social** –

-Where?

-Needs tent – from whom?

-Sponsor for ice cream?

-NH Dairy Trailer may be available through Steve Taylor

8:00 pm (sunset is at 7:58 according to almanac) – **Torchlight Parade**

-Due to safety, light sticks were recommended rather than torches – available through Oriental Trading Catalogue – Cost? Quantity?

-Route?

-Leader(s)? – Possibly 250<sup>th</sup> Committee, Town Elders

-period costume encouraged

9:00? Pm – **Musical Performance**

Where?

Who? Possibles – NH Volunteer Serenade Band, Newmont Band,  
Upper Valley Community Band (Boston Pops style), Upper  
Valley Chordsmen (barbershop style)

**Saturday August 13th**

7 am – 9 am **Breakfast**

-Sponsor? – possibly Grange, Plainfield Community Church

-Location

**Re-enactors**

-Northern Stage is interested in helping with period acting

-where?

-when

**Quilt Show**

-where? Possibly KUA dining hall?

-when?

**Fishing Derby?**

-location – Meriden

-time?

-sponsor?

**Art Show**

-at the Aidron Duckworth Museum in Meriden

-full month of August

**Historical Society Open House**

12:00 -2 pm – **Chicken/Lobster BBQ** at Meriden Firehouse

-Tents on KUA field?

-Check with KUA

-tent from whom?

-pre-sell tickets to estimate numbers

**Field Games**

-Times?

-Sponsor? Possibly church youth groups, 4H, Boys Scouts

**Softball Game**

-Time?

-location – Plainfield Village

-Dan Cantlin of Rec Dept to organize?

**Demonstrations**

**2.5 mile road race?**

## **Open Houses** of historical homes

- Period Dress
- 1961 Town Report open houses – Frost, Barber, churches, Historical Society, Town Halls (Check report for full list)
- Meriden homes in the morning
- Plainfield homes in the afternoon

## **Dinner**

- Time?
- Sponsor?

## **Dance**

- Time?
- Location? Possibly Town Hall in Plainfield, KUA gym, PES street dance?
- Square early - possibly Pooh Sprague, Doug Ditzel
- multiple bands at once?

## **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Joint church service**

- in 1961 Congregational Church in Meriden hosted
- honor original settlers – Benning Wentworth, George III
- needs to be in Plainfield to coordinate with re-enactment
- invite Plainfield and Meriden Connecticut to attend.

### **Re-Enactment** of signing of the charter

- move to cemetery in Plainfield

### **Corn Roast Pot Luck**

- timing? 6:30 pm
- location – PES
- local entertainment, musical performance? Possibly Max Culpepper Orchestra from Claremont
- need tent from whom? Or KUA's Flickinger?
- corn, watermelon, cider? provided

### 8:30 ? pm **Fireworks**

- At Plainfield Elementary School ?
- Frank Currier/Stanley Ang are booked to organize
- budget?

## **Fundraising**

License Plate is good to go - \$10.00 cost – pre sell and order at \$20.00

-Needs logo

t-shirts

hats

commemorative tile

mouse pads?

key chains?

Marketing should all wait until after Jan 2011

Cookbook – needs sponsor to itself

## **Tasks**

-Call all organizations to determine participation.

-Call KUA about using field next to fire house for BBQ tents

-Banner for July 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 parade (float next year) Margaret will contact Jerry

Doolittle

-Choose logo

- Steve and Dewey looking into bands and availability

## **Organizations to contact:**

Churches

Fire departments

PTO

Plainfield School

4H

Girl/Boy Scouts

KUA – Mike Schafer

Libraries

Businesses

Town Line Equipment

Tariki

Landscapers

Longacres

Smith Auction House

Stores

Birding Club

Snow Mobile Club

Recreation Department – Softball, road race?

Historical Society

Trail Blazers – hike?

Conservation Commission

Singing Hills  
Home Hill - Sat Dinner?  
Town Website  
Floats in previous parades  
Vital Communities – Laura Dintino  
Police dept.  
Other towns

**Tents:** Blood's, Promania (Claremont), Wm Smith, Decker

**Next Meeting: Tuesday August 31, 7 pm, Plainfield Library**

Minutes of Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Committee 5 May 2010 Held at Philip Read Library

In attendance: Margaret Drye, Jane Fielder, Breck Taber, Steve Taylor, Nancy Norwalk, Mike Sutherland, Donna Beaupre'

Jane shared copies of 1961 photos of Calico Queen candidates and of her mother, Jessie Carver, in an early Plainfield parade.

Minutes from Plainfield's 1 March 2010 meeting and from the Upper Valley 18 Mar 2010 250<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Plainfield is ahead of the other towns re: planning. Recent article by Margaret in Valley News has garnered much interest. Most other towns thinking of celebrating on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Plainfield will celebrate the weekend of 14 Aug 2011. Joint events may include: A symphony; Jere Daniell's speaking; Logo contest for high schoolers (open until 15 May); Valley News write-ups of events; Valley Quest. ? Might there be a tee-shirt incorporating logo, etc. appropriate for all towns?

Here is a very rough draft of events planned for our Anniversary weekend (depending on availability of bands, etc.):

#### Friday 12 Aug

EVENING: Plainfield Ice Cream Social --- Concert -- Plainfield Torchlight Parade ---

Doug Chapman can procure supply of bamboo poles for torchlight parade in Plainfield. ? glow-sticks for children? Can we arrange for runners to run short distances along Stage Road from Plainfield to Meriden for the concert and fireworks? Type of concert suggested = early music.

#### Saturday 13 Aug 7 – 9 am Breakfast[s] (need to ask organizations interested)

10 – 12 Art Show Duckworth Museum Meriden [**open entire month of August**] **250 years of Plainfield Art** --- Field Games --- Re-enactors --- Tour of Houses including ?Tour of KUA?,

Lunch: Chicken and Lobster Bar-b-que Reunion Cookout at Meriden Fire Station

1:30 pm Softball game, Re-enactors, Demonstrations: Dry stone masonry, Hewing beams, blacksmith, etc.

Dinner ?

7 pm Dance in 2 parts. Early for children and families (square dance?) and later for adults.

Sunday 14 Aug 2011 Joint Service at Town Hall --- read charter ---service to honor the original settlers, perhaps professional actors to be Benning Wentworth/King George III, --- Old Home Day type festivities. Invite Meriden and Plainfield, CT, representatives.

Picnic Lunch with entertainment by home-grown talent

Dinner: Another opportunity for an organization to be involved

Meriden Concert [?KUA?] --- Meriden Fireworks [?elementary school?] Fireworks = ?at the Plainfield School back field? Frank Currier point person.

Other business:

Mike Sutherland is managing 3 websites: for town, historical society, library. Maintaining links to each so no duplication. Please send information to him. 823 Route 12A or [Mike.Sutherland@comcast.net](mailto:Mike.Sutherland@comcast.net) He is happy to provide this service as his contribution. We are very thankful for his help.

Additional suggestions and comments:

Use the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in 2010 and in 2011 to advertise and acquaint watchers with the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> events and involvement. Video children re: what do you like about Plainfield? Compile and use in a power-point presentation during the Aug festivities. Breck to consider.

Request house tour participants to dress in 1760-1800 period clothing. Ask Jane Stephenson for suggestions as to which householders to approach.

Early pictures of area: Jane Fielder – KUA archives, Art Peese at West Lebanon Feed NH postcards, Nancy Norwalk Plainfield Library materials, Sue Timmons postcards of town

Hold grade school reunion = ?area for visiting, swapping stories?

Bird Club = 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2011

Do we want to do another Town Picture?

Have \$3500 available from the Article passing at recent Town Meeting.

Music: ideas = Penny Whistlers lead Torchlight Parade, Upper Valley Community Band perhaps on Friday, Don MacLeay band, Ct Valley Symphony, a Newport-Claremont group, 12 NH Volunteer Serenade Band, local musicians for Sunday night: fiddler Geordie Lynd, Dan Drye's g band, folksingers Betsy and Lee Lynd,..... Old town song by Lucy Bishop/?new words?

Contact Plainfield and Meriden CT = Jane Stephenson and Margaret Drye to invite them to Sunday's service

Jane Fielder to contact Meriden England. Donna to locate the Meriden England scrapbook.

Historical House Signs available from the Historical Society = Nancy Norwalk and Jane Stephenson.

History of homes to date, Jane Stephenson's prior work.

Re-enactors: Albert Read, jr may have suggestions



Waiting briefly for logo. Tim Smith in contact with Nancy. Steve Taylor needs logo for commemorative license plate.

Northern Stage may have actor for Benning Wentworth, King George III, etc. Steve in contact. Margaret took 1<sup>st</sup> draft copies of information concerning 3 early residents to share when we meet with Northern Stage.

Margaret Drye and others will be at next UV250 meeting 20 May in Hanover at Black Recreation Center, 7 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, 1 June 2010 at Plainfield Library at 7:30 pm.

Donna Beaupre'