



## Wallingford 350<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee

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### MINUTES

#### Wallingford 350<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Moments Committee

#### BOE Curriculum Update

October 25, 2018 – 8:30 AM

BOE Headquarters, 100 South Turnpike Road, Wallingford, CT 06492

Attendees: Bob Beaumont, Jim Franchese, Bob Devaney Jr., MaryBeth Applegate, Christine Mansfield

Meeting opened at 8:31 a.m.

Group reviewed the goal initiated last year to incorporate Wallingford history as part of a local curriculum update, as manifested through the Jubilee's *Moments Google Spreadsheet*. This list, created from a collaborative effort between the Wallingford Historical Society, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, WPAA TV and other stakeholders, details 434 total records with of local history. The Jubilee Committee delivered the Moments list ahead of schedule last year as a source to consider for curriculum consideration as related to the Grade 3 state social states curriculum of local and state history. Aligned to state standards, Grades 5, 8 and 11 curricula focus offer less opportunities for formal inclusion, but some optional considerations for special programming.

**BOE Update:** Jim reports that the updated Social Studies Curriculum changes will be submitted at the December BOE instructional committee, but this contains no new local content or incorporation of Moments' details. If the curriculum is approved, Jim will ask teachers to consider piloting the 350th list to use as a resource. March is the last full day professional development for teachers, where Jim's group will begin training teachers in the new curriculum. The implementation is likely more applicable to grade three, and possibly grade five.

Jim offered to recommend optional use of the Moments' content to the faculty professional development as a part of the 11/6 Professional Development series. This will be a source for grades 6 -12 in addition to their focus on inquiry and instruction. State standards build students' ability to create compelling questions, which this can connect to this project. Numeracy and literacy priorities from State mandates lessens time for science and social studies.

Jim asked for additional resources for teachers to consider. Mary Beth reported her submission to Jim of additional list of resources with the Moments submission over the summer, and will resend for the BOE consideration as a professional development tool.



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Wallingford 350th team reported the development of the brochure as a “Freedom Trail” concept. Our goal is to create the 350th Virtual Tour option + App of the Walking tours. 350th would like to use Jim to help develop a student committee and resource student activities. Christine to reach out to Nick Ives on brainstorming, and Jim will reach out to school coordinators for ideation.

Wallingford 350th reported that the Record Journal “Moment a day” launch begins in 2019, (one year from Jubilee launch). This can offer a primary source for teachers to consider. Jim was open to this idea, and will consider bringing this forward for consideration.

Bob Beaumont identified an idea to incorporate Wallingford 350th Moments in schools in the school broadcasts daily announcements. The project can kick -off at the start of the school year 2019 to run through 2020. Jim will pursue this next step.

Bob Beaumont offered use of the team to use Bob Devaney and his characterization plays from the Historical Society and the Cemetery as speakers, and enact local history. This is done annually at Holy Trinity School as a successful local history project for multiple grades, and an option to consider for the public elementary and middle schools. Jim mentioned a project to bring grandparents and share stories as an existing program. Bob Devaney will meet with Jim to discuss a local school initiative at Rock Hill.

Jim can reach out to the band and music chairs to consider a uniform decal on uniforms.

Bob Beaumont mentioned an idea to consider an essay contest or local art show featuring Wallingford 350th famous figures, or sponsor a contest for all students, or a part of the annual art show. Jim brainstormed a possible district contest and showcase K-2, 3-5, middle and high school winners, but mentioned a pending retirement may pose an issue with implementing ideas discussed

Christine and Bob shared that many town departments have shared event planning ideas and final plans to commemorate the Town’s jubilee. Having shared another update to the Board of Education on October 22nd, they asked again how to stimulate Board of Education participation and crystallize creative expressions with students and teachers. Christine, Bob and the committee members are available to meet at any forum to brainstorm, plan or help implement ideas.



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### Next steps:

- 1) Next meeting: propose to be December 5th, **8:30 a.m.**, in the BOE offices to review action items and opportunities for BOE participation in Jubilee activities for the schools.
- 2) 350th Team to reach out to audio visual lead at Sheehan for digitization of the brochure, and share ideas from Library stakeholders meeting. Jim to meet with art and band heads to brainstorm contest ideas, or identify a next step.
- 3) Jim to add to the Level Meeting agenda an idea to incorporate Wallingford 350th Moments to the daily school announcement , starting the school year 2019 to run through 2020.

Meeting concluded at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Mansfield