



Wallingford 350th Jubilee Committee

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REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES

Wallingford 350th Jubilee Descendants Committee

January 17, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

Half Moon, Wallingford, CT 06492

Attendees: Jerry Farrell Jr., Bob Parisi, Joan Parisi, Bob Beaumont, Tarn Granucci, Lori Cooke- Marra, Bob Devaney, Christine Mansfield

1. Committee discussed a goal to identify one contact for each of the Founders' family for History day's recognition ceremony in 2020 of the Descendants details".

Bob Beaumont to get the Grange's list of original farmers, and Founders Rock.

Families with contacts identified to date include:

- a. Doolittle - Nancy Redling
 - b. Merriman - Peter Merriman
 - c. Lufbery - Bob Stickle
 - d. Cooke - Lori Cooke - Marra
 - e. Halls - Dean Hall
 - f. Ives family - Joan
 - g. Whittlesey - Bob D. will send.
 - h. Mackenzie - Liz
 - i. Royce Association family
 - j. John and Jean Holloway
 - k. Janice Carroll
2. Bob Beaumont reviewed the contact list of dignitaries from former towns that were part of Wallingford, and other namesakes in the UK and the US, including:
 - a. Wallingford, Oxon: Mayor Lee Upcraft -change Mayors every May
 - b. Wallingford, Vermont - Bill Brooks, chair of select board and will receive the invitation for consideration.
 - c. Meriden, CT - Mayor Kevin Scarpati
 - d. Cheshire, CT - Town Council chairman Rob Oris
 - e. Prospect, CT - Mayor Robert Chatfield
 - f. Other towns with "Wallingford" not founded by descendants of Wallingford: Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Iowa

Joan will forward invitations for 2020 Jubilee History Day ceremony.

3. Committee Updates: "Freedom Trail" Update, Visitors Bureau Update
 - a. Hotel meeting - additional follow-up needed
4. Other - Zandri's Italian Night - April 11th (Thursday), 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 - a. Ethnic Groups - Italian, Irish, Hungarian, Polish, Portuguese, SCOW and an appeal to all groups.
Create an Informational Session session for Ethnicity

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- b. For visitors during Jubilee week, Committee will create brochures and marketing materials. This information will display in Visitors' Bureau style information racks at the Chamber and selected locations. The Committee recommended creating a list of places to stay in addition to hotels, such as a list of Airbnb, Home Away, VRBO and other resources.
 - c. Host a Business FYI for Chamber or market through Chamber connections.
5. Action items
- a. Committee members to forward family contact names to Joan Parisi as the liaison. A separate gmail account will be set-up for correspondence with the Founders families.
 - b. Future meeting - discuss Parade float ideation for the Descendants' family
 - c. Host a *Jubilee Information Session* for the descendants:
 - i. **March 28th Thursday, HubCap, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
Joan Gmail address.
 - d. Create a post on Facebook for founders' families to attend planning evening.
 - e. Host a *Jubilee Information Session* for the various Cultural groups in town:
 - i. **March 28th Thursday, HubCap, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**
History & Diversity Day Planning