



Special Meeting – Minutes
Wallingford 350th Jubilee Descendants Committee

March 21, 2019

Half Moon, Wallingford, CT 06492

Attendees: Nancy and Robert Redling, Bob Parisi, Joan Parisi, Mary Beth Applegate, Jerry Farrell, Mary Ellen Eccles, Bob Beaumont, Bob Devaney, Tarn Granucci

1. Publicity - The Descendants' Public Information Session has not yet been published by the Record Journal. Bob will contact the team to request publication by March 28th. Additional promotions included the 350th social media and websites, and personal invitations to the local families.

Mary Ellen Eckels offered to contact the State of CT to have our Jubilee Celebration week in 2020 listed on the CT Tourism Calendar.

2. Nancy Redling reported on the John Moss family which is a part of the Morse Society and she spoke with Morses' in California and Washington. One possible attendee may attend from Washington, but no local descendants locally are available.
3. It was decided to recreate a book similar to *Founders and Descendants of Wallingford Connecticut* which was printed for the Wallingford Tercentenary Celebration in 1970. Joan Parisi will speak with a local printer about the cost and the timetable for preparing this book. Members of the Descendants Committee will work on updating the information for the book.
4. The role of the founding family contacts was defined as locating all living family members, make them aware of the Jubilee Celebration, perhaps educate them on their founding ancestor and inviting them to take part in some or all of the activities planned for the Jubilee Week in 2020.
5. Nancy Redling suggested an "artifacts table" to display family items such as a family bible, pictures, etc. at the two museums or library.
6. Mary Ellen Eckels confirmed that plans are moving ahead for the Wallingford Community Theater to present "*Our Town*" during the week or two prior to Thanksgiving 2019. The characters will be based on Wallingford townfolk.
7. A subcommittee was formed with Mary Ellen Eckels, Bob Beaumont, Jerry Farrell and Mary Beth Applegate to discuss possible mini-plays or vignettes with characters representing historic figures of Wallingford and their stories. This may also be an opportunity to include some of the local high school students. A first meeting will be held on April 17th, 1:00 pm at 6 No. Main St.
8. Other upcoming events were reviewed, such as:
 - April 11, 2019 Descendants Kick-off of the ethnic dinners – Italian dinner at Zandri's
 - April 12, 2019 Re-enactment of Powder House Day at Rock Hill School (Bob Devaney)

- June 21, 2020 Interfaith Service at the Choate Chapel
- Open Time Capsule at Parade Grounds/First Congregational Church –Bury new one- (Newspaper, Wallingford Magazine, etc. depending on size of new container)

Submitted by Mary Beth Applegate