

375<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting  
2/26/09

Paul Courchaine updated the group on the parade.

The parade route will be in Old Wethersfield, with a reviewing stand on the Broad Street Green.

Paul will be getting letters to send out to dignitaries and groups to invite them to participate.

Mary Thibeault offered the services of the Rec. office for printing and mailing.

There was discussion of the list of dignitaries to invite.

Discussion of Parade Marshal.

Mary Dobruk from the green committee had emailed expressing an interest on the part of that committee to conduct a contest for the "greenest" float.

It was stated that a letter looking for volunteers for the day of the parade should be sent to Marie Gray (Honors Society, Key Club, Civics classes, etc) and also parishes.

The Town Website should have an area to say we are looking for volunteers, sponsors and list events.

The sponsorship letter has yielded 4 sponsors so far with total donations of \$675.00!

Amy Bello sent a financial report on the sportswear sale/fundraiser. 154 items were ordered and the profit from sales was \$617. The tees and sweatshirts look great and it was hoped that another round of orders could be made. It seems that as these are being seen around town; more people are looking to buy them. The committee discussed reinvesting some of the profit over and above the next order to have some items on hand for sale at the Keeney Center and Community Center (and possible other locations).

Martin Walsh asked if any member wanted to be on the Mayor's Corner with him to discuss the 375<sup>th</sup> and talk about the parade, advertise sportswear and look for volunteers.

Library Literary Landmark celebration will be March 26, 2009 in the Library Wethersfield Room at 7pm to dedicate of the Witch of Blackbird Pond map. Discussed whether small versions could be printed to use as walking maps.

Discussed the possibility of getting a copy of the 1640 survey map of Wethersfield to display in the Wethersfield Room.

Hadley, MA is celebrating their 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Wethersfield has been invited to participate in their parade on June 14. Hadley was settled with people originally from Wethersfield. John O'Leary will likely attend the next committee meeting to discuss this with the committee.

Dates for 2008 are:

March 19, 2009 (please note change of date due to Library function)

April 23, 2009

May 28, 2009

June 25, 2009

July 23, 2009

August 27, 2009

September 24, 2009

October 22, 2009

November 19, 2009 (third Thursday, due the Thanksgiving)