

# 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Meeting

## SUMMARY

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### DATE OF CELEBRATION:

- Same day as Family Fun Day, on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 9:30 pm
- Parade on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm (details below)

### PARADE:

- Start staging floats and vehicles at 1:00 pm off Main Street
- Parade Route: Down Main Street, around the Town Common, back down Main to the Transfer Station
- Need Selectboard approval to close Transfer Station early on June 27<sup>th</sup>, proposed 12:00 pm
- Road Closure with the current parade route will remain the same as it has been in previous years
- Traffic Barricades used for Family Fun Day will be used again for the Parade. Between the two events, they will be moved to the side of the road. During the event, the barricades need to be manned at all times!
- Have kids decorate their bikes and be in the parade.

### USE OF \$5,000 – from 2026 Warrant:

- Proposed to be used for the Parade
- Purchase Buntings for the Meetinghouse. Karla MacLeod purchased 2 for \$42. Number purchased to be determined.

### MUSIC:

- Lynda Hunt mentioned that the Chamber has a band(s) lined up for Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, on the Common; note it costs over \$1k for a band.
- There will be instrumental patriotic music at the Historical Society, which will be coordinated so that the music does not overlap. Also, there will be strawberry shortcake at the museum.

### SPONSORS:

- Linda stated the Chamber typically calls local businesses that have sponsored in the past.
  - Ex: ATA Construction, Triumph Interiors, Belletetes, Savings Bank of Walpole
- If others have ideas for sponsorships, assistance is appreciated!

### T-SHIRTS:

- List the sponsors on the back of the T-shirts (NOT the logos) – need to get sponsors earlier than other years so T-shirts can be purchased. Determine the cut-off date.
- Offer Pre-Ordering of T-Shirts and Sell at the Family Fun Day on Friday

- Victoria Stenersen has a design, which she will share
- Claudia Stewart recommended using a local print shop; turnaround is about 1 week

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

- The Chamber has a list of 37 volunteers that they have used annually for the Family Fun Day. They will be contacted to confirm they are available to volunteer for the same time slot on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- For volunteers to man the barricades for the parade, more volunteers need to be recruited
- It was suggested to post an announcement on the town website, Facebook, at Town Offices, and other Town locations requesting volunteers.
- Use the message board to request volunteers – need Selectboard permission

#### **PROGRAMS/FLYERS:**

- Chronological list of events and locations
- QR Code as a link to flyers/more details
- Monadnock Region Chamber of Commerce – contact to request help with marketing/advertising
- Have RMS give flyers out to all the students
- Use the message board to advertise the event?

#### **REENACTORS:**

- Potentially, the Cathedral of the Pines will have re-enactors. Michelle Lowe needs to be contacted to discuss. Claudia Stewart volunteered to do so.

#### **PORTA-POTTIES:**

- Need for both June 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>
- 4 total, including 1 handicap
- Claudia suggested that, because we use a local company, we can offer that they sponsor the event and give us a discount in return for having their company name on the T-shirts.