

Nelson 250 Committee

May 15, 2016

Present: Susan Hansel, Susan Peery, Karen Tolman, Don and Barbara Bennett, Sam Romano

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

There was discussion re: Mike Hansel's pottery samples – mugs, sample tiles, a bottle with sample glazes. All were stamped with greater or lesser success with the Nelson 250 logo. There were concerns that the schoolhouse looked more like the church and hopes that the logo in general could be more sharply defined. There was also a square plate and a bowl sample from Mike's wife, without glaze. The group generally preferred the plate to the bowl and discussed having the logo in the middle of the plate with perhaps the hills of Nelson in the background. Barbara spoke about the attractiveness a plate previously designed by the County Extension with Granite Lake and hills in the background.

Costs for these pottery items would be around \$10 each. This would be for materials only with no charge for labor.

Items to be sold on Old Home Day would include the glass medallions, whatever pottery pieces ultimately selected (tiles, mug/bowl, plate?) and calendars. This committee currently has \$1600 available for printing the calendars and \$1000 from the town to help fund the items to be sold. Any funds remaining would be returned to the town.

Calendars are currently being sold at the Sullivan Store, the library and the Town Clerk's office.

There is an incomplete events/costs list for Nelson 250 activities and events. Missing is The Big Day – July 8th -- with will include the re-enactors, band concert and ice cream social. This listing should be more complete by the next meeting.

There was continued discussion regarding the commemorative publication. Susan P. spoke about a book that would draw on years of resources – Grapevines,

various writings and photos. It would be organized by topic rather than chronology. It should be a "fun read". Susan P. will contact Sarah Bauhan regarding design assistance. Barbara has a borrowed town history from a small Vermont town as a reference/example. The Nelson 250 publication could be funded through pre-sale, grants, fundraising, and surplus from calendar sales. There was unresolved discussion regarding applying to the town for funding.

John Cucci has a millstone, sister to the one in Munsonville, to donate. While all present agreed that it was a wonderful gift, there was a question of where to display the stone. There was discussion regarding clearing a piece of town owned land at a bend in the Nelson Road coming up the hill and placing it there. The Nelson 250 committee would be responsible for the engraving.

Karen had various old photos of Nelson and Munsonville houses that she showed, looking for identification of past and present owners, for the next calendar. Susan P. and Karen will put together a rough draft for the History Group.

The next meeting of the Nelson 250 Committee will be Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 3pm in the Library Lower Level. The History Group will meet June 5th.