



## MENDON'S 350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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**THE MENDHAM BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH**

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### **350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 2015 Annual Report**

On July 9, 2014, the Mendon Board of Selectmen voted to create a 350th Anniversary Committee comprised of seven members, with their terms to expire on December 31, 2017. On September 22, 2014 the board voted to expand the committee to 13 members.

The committee is charged with planning and coordinating the various activities to celebrate Mendon's 350th Anniversary. The current membership is:

	AJ Byrne
	Sharon Cutler
Jonathan Dudley – <i>Co-Chair</i>	Sorcha DeFrancesco
Kevin Rudden – <i>Co-Chair</i>	Dick Ferrucci
Dan Byer – <i>Secretary</i>	Kathleen Sedgeley Nicholson
	Morgan Smith
	Alan Tetreault
	Wayne Wagner

In 2014, the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met nine times and began the preliminary planning for the 350<sup>th</sup> celebrations. We also worked closely with the Mendham Brush Association (Brothers of the Brush), the volunteer group organized to celebrate Mendon's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1967 and which coordinated the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992. Since we, as a town committee, cannot raise funds, the Brothers of the Brush are sponsoring our anniversary events.

A tentative list of events was created, starting in the Fall of 2016 and ending in the Fall of 2017 with a parade and fireworks. Other proposed events include a Ham and Bean Supper, Formal Dinner/Dance, St. Patrick's Day celebration, a Block Party, Sports Tournaments, an Antique Fireman's Muster, the Horribles Parade, a Santa parade and the birthday celebration (with cake!) on the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary date of May 15, 2017. A final calendar of celebrations will be announced in 2016.

We reached out to the Miscoe Hill Middle School's Art department for help in designing our anniversary logo, with eighth-grader Hannah Snow's design chosen as the winner. Our logo now appears on most of the items being sold by the Brothers of the Brush to raise funds for the year-long anniversary celebration events.

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In 2016, the committee plans to solicit community involvement in planning the celebration events and establishing the many sub-committees needed to run the events. It is the hope of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee that these upcoming celebrations will unite our community and remind us all why we love the Town of Mendon.

Anyone interested in participating in the planning, serving on a sub-committee or assisting in any way is welcome to email us at [mendon350@mendonma.gov](mailto:mendon350@mendonma.gov).

***Countdown to the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as of 5/6/16  
is 374 Days! (May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017)***

Respectfully Submitted,

The Mendon 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee