



MENDON'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY

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350th Anniversary Committee 2016 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. Along with the main 350th committee, there are 31 sub-committees consisting of 90 members in total. In 2016 the 350th Committee met 12 times and hosted 9 events.

The 350th Anniversary Committee relies on the Mendham Brush Association (Brothers of the Brush) to be the official sponsor of anniversary events and raise all funds to pay for these events. The committee has not received any town funds to date and a state legislature-approved earmark to help pay for our celebrations was frozen by Governor Charles Baker. Together with the Brothers of the Brush, the 350th Anniversary Committee greatly appreciates the support of Mendon residents who have purchased 350th Anniversary memorabilia and attended our events.

The current membership of the 350th Anniversary Committee is:

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



*Kevin Rudden
"Town Crier" and 350th Co-Chair*

Annual Town Meeting – 5/6/16

Celebrations for Mendon's 350th Anniversary began at the Annual Town Meeting on May 5th, 2016. "Town Crier" and 350th Committee Co-Chair Kevin Rudden announced the plans for the upcoming celebrations.

Ham and Bean Supper – 9/10/16

On September 10th, 2016 the Committee hosted a Ham and Bean Supper at Clough School. The menu consisted of Ham and Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Drinks, Coffee, and Deserts. Tickets were \$5. The event was a huge success, serving 362 meals. “Ye Olde Jail” was constructed and made its first appearance at this event. \$400 was raised after a list of “Mendon’s Most Wanted” was circulated.

Ham and Bean Sub-Committee:

- Alan Tetreault - *Chair*
- Pam Angenent
- Willem Angenent
- Bruce Bartlett Jr.
- Dan Byer
- Theresa Clifton
- Bryan Dudley
- Jon Dudley
- Russ Dudley
- Alan Greenberg
- Peter Reiffarth
- Mary Lee Siple
- Jason Whyte

The Committee would like to thank the following sponsors:

- AJ Byrne - DJ Sound Equipment
- Hannaford's Supermarket in Milford - \$50
- Highway Rehab (David Capelle) – Ham (\$712.84)
- Market Basket in Bellingham - \$50
- Mary Ann Labonne - Face Painting
- Mendon Greenhouse - Flowers
- Mendon Upton Regional School District - Use of Facility
- Michael O'Brien- DJ
- Dianne Mucci - MURSD Foodservice Director
- Shaw's in Milford - \$25
- Lionel Tetreault - Beans



Alan Tetreault – Event Chair



Ham and Bean

Financial Report	Expenses	Revenue
Ticket Printing	\$30.50	
Cake	\$50.63	
Sign Supplies	\$69.37	
Tablecloths	\$10.63	
Food purchased from Clough	\$954.25	
Stop Payment Fee (lost check)	\$32.00	
Ticket Sales		\$855.00
Anniversary Button Sales		\$890.00
Merchandise Sales		\$1,715.00
Jail		\$400.00
Totals	\$1,147.38	\$3,860.00
	<u>Event Profit: \$2,712.62</u>	

Trail Walks – 10/2/16 & 10/15/16

The next two events were a series of Trail Walks sponsored by the Land Use Committee. The first was an Edible Foraging Walk on October 2nd, 2016 in the Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area. This walk was led by naturalist, wild food enthusiast and author of “Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten” Russ Cohen. Russ led the group on a tour of the Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area showing the group what plants were edible and how to prepare them. The walk was attended by 40 people.

The second walk was a Discovery Walk in the Mendon Town Forest on October 15th, 2016. This walk was attended by 40 people. Attendees explored the many historic sites within the Town Forest dating back to the 1850’s.

Trail Walks

Sub-Committee:

- Anne Mazar – *Chair*
- Susan Barnet
- Dan Byer
- Peter Coffin
- Sharon Cutler
- Bill Dakai
- Paul Doucette
- Barry Iadarola
- Ryan Oliva
- Mark Reil



*Russ Cohen (far left)
With other Edible Foraging Walk Participants*

300th Film Screening – 10/20/2016

On October 20th, 2016 the 350th Committee held a screening of the film from Mendon’s 300th celebrations at the Mendon Twin Drive-In. The 65 minute, 16mm film was created to preserve the memories of the 300th celebrations in 1967. It was filmed by Regent Film Productions, Rocky Hill, CT at a cost of \$925.00. Despite numerous references to the film found in old reports, the 350th committee was initially unable to locate it; however after an extensive search it was located in the possession of a former 325th committee member. Thanks to funding from the Community Preservation Act funds the film was preserved and digitized. The original film copy will be returned to the Historic Society while DVD copies will be made available at the Taft Public Library as well as stored in the Town Vault.

300th Film Screening

Financial Report	Expenses	Revenue
Merchandise Sales		\$55.00
Anniversary Button Sales		\$20.00
Shaving Permits		\$2.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$77.00
<u>Event Profit: \$77.00</u>		

Costume Party, Dinner, & Dance – 10/29/16



*Members of the Event Committee
(left to right)
Dick Ferrucci - Chair
Kathleen Sedgely Nicholson
Karen Pisani*

On October 29th, 2016 the 350th Committee held a costume party, dinner, and dance at the Grand View Ballroom. Three hundred fifty tickets were printed and sold for \$37.50 each or \$350 for a table of 10. Entertainment for the night was presented by the BaHa Brothers Band from Taunton, MA. A framed jersey autographed by New England Patriots' Tight End Rob Gronkowski was raffled off and won by Phyllis Tetreault. Prizes were also awarded to the best Halloween costume (Patrick and Ashley Makridakis) and best period costume (Jonathan Dudley and Jody Kurczy). Local Artist Chuck Noel's print, copy number 1, of Mendon Center was auctioned off and won by Kevin Rudden.

Costume Party, Dinner, & Dance Sub-Committee:

- Dick Ferrucci – *Chair*
- Kathleen Sedgely Nicholson
- Karen Pisani
- Theresa Clifton
- Jeanne Fichtner

*Some members of the
Mendham Brothers of the Brush:
(left to right)
Bruce Bartlett Jr.
Joe Dudley
Dan Byer*



*More members of the
Mendham Brothers of
the Brush:
(left to right)
Russ Dudley
Jon Dudley
Willem Angenent
Peter Hawkes Sr.*

Costume Party, Dinner, & Dance

Financial Report	Expenses	Revenue
BaHa Brothers (Band)	\$1,300.00	
Lake View Ballroom	\$9,219.00	
Decoration Expenses	\$249.68	
Comped Tickets	\$140.00	
Ticket Sales		\$12,580.00
Jail Proceeds		\$95.00
Quilt Raffle		\$100.00
Chuck Noel Print Auction		\$450.00
Pumpkin Centerpieces		\$125.00
Gronk Jersey Raffle		\$769.00
Donations		\$87.50
Totals	\$10,908.68	\$14,206.50

Event Profit: \$3,297.82



Halloween Trunk or Treat – 10/30/2016

On October 30th, 2016 the 350th Committee in partnership with the Parks Commission, Inside Corner Baseball and the Hoop Crew sponsored a Trunk or Treat event at Memorial Park. The event was very well attended and plans are already in progress to make this an annual event.



Trunk or Treat Sub-Committee:

- Lisa Bucchino – *Chair*
- Dan Byer
- Eric Cormier
- Eddie Montani
- Taryn Montani
- Ginnie Santonian
- Deborah Seaver
- Paul Seaver
- Mendon Parks Commission

Mendon Police Officers with their award winning, “Best Decorated Trunk” (left to right)
 School Resource Officer Ed Pokornicki
 K9 Officer Matt Pichel

Celebrate Mendon Trivia Night – 11/4/2016

A Trivia Night was planned for November 4th, 2016 at the End Zone Pub by the Taft Public Library Trustees as well as the 350th Committee. Unfortunately due to a lack of interest the event was cancelled. The 350th Committee may look to reschedule this event for 2017.

Celebrate Mendon Trivia Night Sub-Committee:

- Amy Fahey – *Chair*
- Ellen Agro
- Kelley Aubut
- Lauren Heather
- Sharon Luttrell
- Leigh Martin
- Dr. Joseph Maruszczak

Turkey Trot 5K Road Race – 11/24/2016

On Thanksgiving morning, November 24th, 2016, the Mendon 350th Committee ran the first, hopefully annual Turkey Trot 5K Road Race. The race started at the Mendon Twin Drive-In, proceeded west on RT-16, left on Millville St, left on Kelley Rd, left on Wesley Rd, left on Blackstone St, left on Emerson St, right, back on to RT-16 East, and ended at the Drive-In. There were 214 participants.



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(left-right)*
 #116 Karen Wheet
 #156 Marin Murphy
 #148 Chris Bromley
 #174 McKenzie Connors
 #177 John Kotseas
 #201 Andrew Morse

Race Winners:

Category	#	Name	Age	From	Time
Women 15&Under	#138	Mary Dyke	14	Mendon, MA	22:04.04
Women 16-40	#137	Francesca Dyke	17	Mendon, MA	22:05.01
Women 41+	#62	Gail Martin	51	Sharon, MA	27:11.62
Men 15&Under	#182	Drew Galicki	15	Upton, MA	19:40.40
Men 16-40	#61	Michael Aurelio	17	Mendon, MA	19:42.68
Men 41+	#136	Craig Dyke	41	Mendon, MA	21:39.97

Turkey Trot 5K

Financial Report

	Expenses	Revenue
T-Shirts	\$1,299.88	
Timing System	\$311.00	
Supplies	\$77.37	
Finish Line Banner	\$100.00	
Marketing	\$52.95	
Website	\$12.00	
Race Pre-Registrations		\$4,588.75
Race Day Registrations		\$929.00
Sponsorships		\$1,450.00
Totals	\$1,853.20	\$6,967.75

Event Profit: \$5,114.55

Turkey Trot 5K Sub-Committee:

- Lyndsey Nickerson – *Chair*
- Bruce Bartlett Jr.
- Bruce Clifton
- Theresa Clifton
- Joe Dudley
- Jon Dudley
- Shelly Dudley
- Jessica Palumbo

The Committee would like to thank the following event sponsors:

- Arcudi/Devaney Energy
- Demitria Comforti Photography
- Feeds & Needs
- Freedom Communications in Uxbridge
- Mendon Dunkin Donuts
- Mendon Twin Drive-In
- Southwick's Zoo

Santa Parade & Tree Lighting – 12/4/2016

On December 4th, 2016 the 350th Committee assisted with the Town's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and organized a Santa Parade. Hopedale resident, 2 year old Wesley Daelhousen won the honor of turning on the lights as the winner of the Taft Public Library's Christmas Tree Lighting Coloring Contest.



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#245 Angelica Puchovsky
#247 Milsoh Puchovsky*



The parade line-up consisted of the following vehicles/groups: Mendham Brothers of the Brush, Howley's Automotive, Eastern Security and Safe, Mendon Highway Department, Upton Fire Department, Milford Fire Department, Millville Fire Department, Hopedale Fire Department, Uxbridge Fire Department, Braza & Mancini Antique Fire Truck, Bellingham Fire Department, Mendon Fire Department, Santa Float

Selectmen Chairman Richard Schofield, Police Chief David Kurczy, and Santa presented the awards to parade participants in the following categories:

- Oldest Piece of Firefighting Equipment – Braza & Mancini Electrical
- Farthest Distance Travelled – Milford, MA Fire Dept.
- 1st Place Best Decorated Truck – Bellingham, MA Fire Dept.
- 2nd Place Best Decorated Truck – Uxbridge, MA Fire Dept
- 3rd Place Best Decorated Truck – Millville, MA Fire Dept.

Santa Parade & Tree Lighting Sub-Committee:

- Kevin Rudden – *Chair*
- Jon Dudley
- Dan Byer
- Jeanne Fichtner
- Theresa Clifton
- Kathy Schofield

Santa Parade & Tree Lighting

Financial Report

	Expenses	Revenue
Trophies	\$121.34	
Refreshments for Parade Participants	\$116.00	
Float Decorations	\$98.00	
Refreshments for Decorating Crew	\$74.00	
Revenue		\$0.00
Totals	\$409.00	\$0.00

Event Profit: \$(409.00)



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Upton & Mendon Town Crier
(left-right)
Mrs. Claus (Anne Dudley)
Santa Claus (Wayne Phipps)
Wesley Daelhousen*

350th General Financial Report

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350th Financial Report

	Ledger Entry	Expense	Income	Total
Initial Balance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Sep-15</i>				
September Merchandise Sales			\$475.00	
				\$475.00
<i>Oct-15</i>				
October Merchandise Sales			\$1,063.00	
				\$1,538.00
<i>Nov-15</i>				
November Merchandise Sales			\$423.62	
Withdrawal - Purchase of Bank Checks		(\$26.25)		
Check Stop Payment Fee (lost check #89)		(\$32.00)		
Ck# 101 - Chubby Chico Charms (Bracelets & Keychains)		(\$1,045.00)		
				\$858.37
<i>Dec-15</i>				
December Merchandise Sales			\$2,743.54	
				\$3,601.91
<i>Jan-16</i>				
January Merchandise Sales			\$265.00	
Ck# 102 - Purchase of 350th Clothing		(\$1,500.50)		
				\$2,366.41
<i>Feb-16</i>				
February Merchandise Sales			\$235.00	
				\$2,601.41
<i>Mar-16</i>				
March Merchandise Sales			\$181.00	
Donation – Milford National			\$4,500.00	
Ck# 103 - Purchase of 350th Mugs		(\$125.52)		
				\$7,156.89
<i>Apr-16</i>				
April Merchandise Sales			\$406.83	
Ck# 104 - Purchase of 350 th Mugs		(\$544.51)		
Ck# 105 - Purchase of 350 th Clothing		(\$129.60)		
Ck# 106 - Deposit for BaHa Brothers (Band for Dinner/Dance)		(\$300.00)		
Ck# 107 - Partial Reimbursement to Brothers of the Brush		(\$750.00)		
Ck# 108 - Website Expenses		(\$10.87)		
				\$5,828.74
<i>May-16</i>				
May Merchandise Sales			\$1,425.00	

Ck# 109 - Purchase of 350 th Mugs	(\$506.99)	
		\$6,746.75
Jun-16		
June Merchandise Sales		\$87.52
		\$6,834.27
Jul-16		
July Merchandise Sales		\$665.00
Sale of Anniversary Buttons		\$50.00
		\$7,549.27
Aug-16		
August Merchandise Sales		\$170.18
Sale of Anniversary Buttons		\$20.00
Ck# 110 - Purchase of Bracelets and Keychains	(\$669.99)	
Ck# 111 - Printing Costs, Ham and Bean Supper Tickets	(\$30.50)	
		\$7,038.96
Sep-16		
Sept. Merchandise Sales		\$936.34
Merchandise Sales at Ham and Bean Supper		\$2,735.00
Ck# 112 - Purchase of Anniversary Buttons	(\$130.12)	
Ck# 113 - Purchase of 350th Clothing	(\$1,604.33)	
Ck# 116 - Purchase of Mugs	(\$1,507.41)	
Ck# 117 - Purchase of Shaving Permit Buttons	(\$194.30)	
		\$7,274.14
Oct-16		
Ham and Bean Supper Tickets & Buttons		\$1,745.00
Sale of Anniversary Buttons		\$90.00
October Merchandise Sales		\$1,258.26
Country Fair Merchandise Sales		\$770.00
Country Fair, Raffle Proceeds		\$387.00
Country Fair, Jail Proceeds		\$408.00
Costume Party, Dinner & Dance Ticket Sales		\$12,580.00
Donation		\$100.00
Ck# 114 - Storage Containers for Merchandise	(\$16.89)	
Ck# 115 - Cake for Ham and Bean Supper	(\$50.63)	
Ck# 118 - Printing of Tickets for Costume Party	(\$335.62)	
Ck# 119 - Materials for Ham and Bean Signs	(\$69.37)	
Ck# 120 - Purchase of 350th Clothing	(\$716.79)	
Ck# 121 - Deposit for Chuck Noel Art Prints	(\$440.00)	
Ck# 122 - Balance owed for Chuck Noel Art Prints	(\$435.00)	
Ck# 123 - Printing of Quilt Raffle Tickets	(\$329.00)	
Ck# 127 - Balance owed for Grand View (Dinner/Dance)	(\$9,019.00)	
CASH - Balance owed to BaHa Brothers (Band for Dinner/Dance)	(\$1,000.00)	
		\$12,200.10
Nov-16		
November Merchandise Sales		\$338.53
Imperial Gas Pumpkin Raffle		\$400.00
Gronk Jersey Raffle (Dinner/Dance)		\$769.00

Sale of Pumpkin Centerpieces (Dinner/Dance)		\$125.00
Jail Proceeds (Dinner/Dance)		\$95.00
Merch. Sales at 300th Film at Drive-In		\$77.00
Ck# 124 - Advance for Trivia Night Expenses	(\$500.00)	
Return of Ck# 124 - Trivia Night Expenses (event cancelled)		\$500.00
Ck# 125 - Tablecloths for Ham and Bean Supper	(\$10.63)	
Ck# 128 - Purchase of 350th clothing	(\$519.94)	
Ck# 129 - Purchase of Trophies for Santa Parade	(\$121.34)	
Ch# 130 Comped Tickets for Costume Party	(\$70.00)	
		\$13,282.72

Dec-16

December Merchandise Sales		\$3,647.89
Costume Party, Dinner & Dance Ticket Sales		\$140.00
Donation (Dinner/Dance)		\$87.50
Auction of Chuck Noel Art Print #1		\$450.00
Quilt Raffle ticket sales		\$100.00
Receipts from Turkey Trot 5K		\$1,750.00
Turkey Trot Merchandise Sales		\$75.00
Santa Parade & Tree Lighting Merchandise Sales		\$110.00
Ck# 126 - Purchase of food for Ham and Bean Supper from MURSD	(\$954.25)	
Return of Ck# 126 - Ham and Bean Food (check lost and voided)		\$954.25
Bank Fee - Stop Payment on Ck# 126 (lost)	(\$32.00)	
Ch# 131 Comped Tickets for Costume Party	(\$70.00)	
Ck# 132 - Replacement check for Ham and Bean Food to MURSD	(\$954.25)	
Ck# 133 - Purchase of 100 additional Chuck Noel Art Prints	(\$1,181.00)	
Ck# 134 - Purchase of Banner from BVT for Trivia Night	(\$55.00)	
Ck# 135 - Purchase of 350th Clothing	(\$2,184.14)	
Ck# 137 - Refreshments for Santa Parade Participants	(\$116.00)	
		\$15,050.72

Jan-17

January Merchandise Sales		\$975.00
Deposit from Polar Plunge		\$1,970.00
Donation – Milford National		\$4,500.00
Final Proceeds from Turkey Trot		\$3,364.55
Donation – Highway Rehab (David Capelle) for Ham and Bean Supper		\$712.84
Ck# 136 - Dinner/Dance Decoration Expenses	(\$249.68)	
Ck# 138 - Purchase of Polar Plunge T-Shirts	(\$295.00)	
Ck# 139 - Santa Parade Float Decorations	(\$98.00)	
Ck# 140 - Payment 1 of 3 for Mendon Sings Conductor	(\$666.66)	
Ck# 141 - Polar Plunge Expenses	(\$55.00)	
Ck# 142 - Purchase of 350th Mugs	(\$675.52)	
Ck# 143 - Refreshments for Santa Parade Float Decorating Crew	(\$74.00)	
Ck# 144 - Porta Johns for Polar Plunge	(\$200.00)	
Ck# 145 - Valley Chapel Facility Use Fee for Mendon Sings Event	(\$550.00)	
Ck# 146 - Reimbursement for Printing of St. Paddy's Day Tickets	(\$41.72)	
		\$23,709.25

TOTALS

Expenses	Income
(\$31,194.32)	\$54,861.85

Mendon 350th Account Balance as of Feb. 13, 2017

\$23,667.53

Upcoming Schedule of Events:

- March 2017** **St. Paddy's Day Celebration** – 3/10/17 (Fri) @ 6pm-12am
End Zone Sports Pub (39 Milford St.)
Full Moon Snow Show Walk – 3/12/17 (Sun) @ 6pm
Cormier Woods Reservation (217 Chapin St. Uxbridge)
Mother Mendon Sings Concert – 3/25/17 (Sat) @ 7pm
Valley Chapel (14 Hunter Rd. Uxbridge)
- April 2017** **Easter Egg Hunt** – Date & Time TBD
Memorial Park (29 Millville Rd.)
Earth Day Clean Up – 4/8/17 @ 9am-12pm
Clough School (10 North Ave.)
350th Paint Night – 4/12/17 @ 7pm-10pm
Willow Brook Restaurant (16 Hastings St.)
Annual Town Meeting – 5/5/17 (Fri) @ 7pm
Miscoe Hill Auditorium (148 North Ave.)
- May 2017** **Formal Birthday Celebration** – 5/13/17 (Sat.) @ 2pm-4pm
Clough School (10 North Ave.)
- June 2017** **Historical Event TBD**
Mendon's Got Talent Competition – Date & Time TBD
- July 2017** **Horribles Parade** – 7/3/17 (Mon) @ Time TBD
Cardboard Boat Race – 7/20/17 (Thurs)
- Aug. 2017** **Block Party** – 8/26/17 @ 4pm-11pm
BSTRA Poker Run – 8/27/17 (Sun) @ 10am
Formal Banquet and Dance – 9/23 (Sat) @ Time TBD
- Sept. 2017** **Parade** – 9/24 (Sun) @ 1pm
Fireworks – 9/24 (Sun) @ Dusk

In 2017, the Committee plans to continue the celebrations as planned as well as plan new events. It is the hope of the 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.

***Countdown to the 350th Anniversary as of 5/5/17
is 10 Days! (May 15th, 2017)***

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Mendon 350th Anniversary Committee*