

# 375<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting Agenda

- Chair/VC Reports
- Other Chair Reports
- Open Discussion
- Next meeting: 28  
February 5 PM



# Chair Report

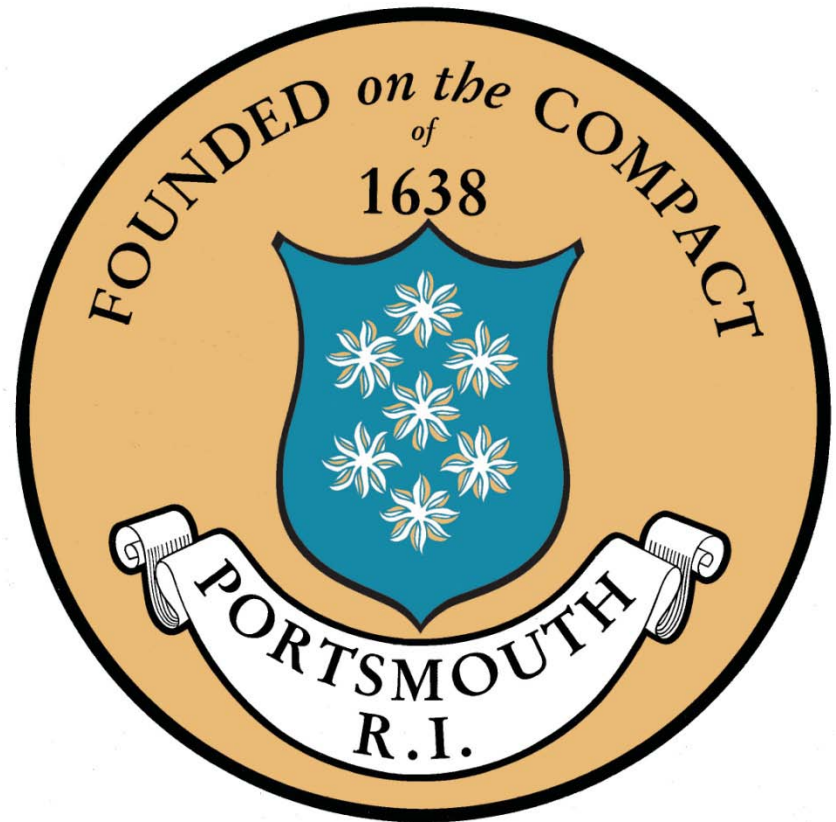
- Soup Event Cancellation
  - Weather issues
  - Lessons Learned
- Lord Mayor of Portsmouth Visit
  - Arr Boston 5 PM 28 August
  - Dep Boston 7 PM 2 September
  - Accommodations and transport?
  - 2 Other Mayors will also attend
  - Need VIP Hospitality group to make arrangements, pick up and escort
- Need a GMH Reception group to coordinate and plan event on 29 August

# Chair Report II

- Portsmouth RI delegation to UK – own cost
  - Official Party (TBD by TC President)
    - Attend Lord Mayor ceremony and Present invitation to 375<sup>th</sup> celebration and possibly sister city request
    - Current travel dates – 17 – 22 May
  - Other interested residents
    - Can attend Ceremony and other events (TBD)
    - Make own travel/hotel plans
- Rotary:
  - 28 July Date at Glen Park – do we want it? Rotary will help
  - Portsmouth night at PAWSOX poss 26 or 27 July: Need liaison (Bob H?)
- Melville Marine group

# Chair Report III

- 7 March Ceremony at Town Hall: Noon to 1 PM
  - Honors compact and 375<sup>th</sup> celebration
  - RI VIPs expected to attend
  - Original Compact will be on display!
  - Need 375<sup>th</sup> SC volunteers to seat guests, etc.
  - Will have Newport Artillery Company support
- Open to the Public: Need to start publicizing
- Need to video/photograph



# Chair Report IV

- Contacts. Etc.
  - Rotary dinner on 19 Feb: Very supportive
  - Portsmouth Marine Trades Group Today
  - Update to Town Council on 25 Feb
- New Initiatives:
  - The Portsmouth History Project
    - A way to capture old photos/documents/artifacts
    - Library is focal point
  - We need a VIP Visitor Hospitality group
    - Can include people from mother organizations (Rotary, others)
    - Arrange transport, lodging, etc. for VIP visitors
    - Escort, accompany and be personal contacts for VIP visitors
  - We need a Coordinator and a planning group for the 1 September Portsmouth Family Day
    - A program, food (venders), music options, etc.

# Events with Firm Dates

- Jan to Dec            T            Portsmouth Arts Guild—Fri, Sat and Sunday, various art events
- Jan. 1                H            “Polar Dive for 375”
- **Feb 17**              H            **“We Love Portsmouth” Soup and Salad Photo event**
- Feb 23                T            3.75 K Winter Trail Walk at Melville Park
- **March 3**            T            **Opening of P. Arts Guild Juried Show “Town and Country”**
- March 7              H            Portsmouth Compact Ceremony at Town Hall/Lecture by Jim Garman in evening
- Mar to Nov            H            Historical Lectures by Jim Garman
- March 30             T            Easter Egg Hunt at the Brown House
- May 4                 T            Tour of Fort Butts/RIMAP/Garden Club clean up with Girl scouts at Founders Brook
- May 5                 T            4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tea for Ladies Celebrating Portsmouth’s 375<sup>th</sup> GMH
- May 18                T            Restoration Celebration/375 Label premier at Greenvale VY
- May 24                H            Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Day Wreath laying Legion Park
- May 26                T            Exhibit at Ports. Historical Society
- **April 21**            H (?)        **Earth Day Kite Festival (*site to be determined*)**
- June 2                T            Prescott Farm tour/Portsmouth Abby & Newport Rest. Soc.
- June 9                T            Oakland Forest and Meadow Trail Walk guided by naturalist Gary Plunkett 1:00

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# Events with Firm Dates II

- Jul 4 T Fireworks at Escobar Farm
- Jul 15 T Genealogy and Researching Portsmouth's Early Residents
- Jul 17 T Portsmouth Resources—What We Have and How to Find It
- Jul 18 T American band Concert, GMH
- Jul 20 T Portsmouth Family Reunion, Library
- Jul 21 T Friends of Anne Hutchinson Annual Meeting
- Jul 26/26(?) T Portsmouth Day at PAWSOX (Rotary)
- Aug 25 T RI 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Ceremony at West Main Rd. Monument
- Aug 29 H Glen Manor House 375th reception
- Aug 30 H Greenvale 375<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting
- Aug 31 H 375<sup>th</sup> Parade Island Park/Common Cannon firing/Polo
- Sep 1 H Chicken Barbeque/Square Dance Glen Park
- Sep 28 T Portsmouth High School Homecoming and 50th
- Oct 20 T Harvest Social at Ports. Historical Society
- [Oct 25](#) T [Eve La Plante, Author of American Jezebel talk at P. Abbey](#)
- Nov 2 T ALT 3.75K "Race for Open Space" IHO 375<sup>th</sup>?
- Nov 11 T Veteran's Day Ceremony with American Legion and VFW Posts
- Nov 17 T Prescott Farm Tour/Portsmouth Abby Newport Rest. Society
- Dec 1 T Library Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec 7 T Holly Ball, GMH
- Dec 15 T Holiday Open House, GMH

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# 375<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Weekend Planning

- Labor Day weekend 2013
  - Thursday 29 Aug: GMH 375<sup>th</sup> Reception
    - GMH Authority received TC OK for 375<sup>th</sup> use on 29th
    - GMH Friends Meeting on 30 Jan
    - Will need event support – “Friends” unable to help
  - Friday 30 Aug: Greenvale 375<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting event
    - Music/Other?
  - Saturday 31 Aug:
    - AM Parade down Park Ave. Island Park
    - PM BF Town Common Newport Arty Co. Cannon exchange, Polo match
  - Sunday 1 Sep:
    - AM Ecumenical Service at Founders Brook? (Rev Hanson)
    - PM Chicken Barbeque/Square Dance Glen Park? (What do we call this?)



# 375 Vice-Chair Activity

- F/U Portsmouth UK Lord Mayors visit
  - Portsmouth UK Council rep advised 90% that LM can attend in Aug more follow-up week of 2/11
  - UK Visit for 21 May LM Making ceremony by 6-8 Official 375th reps planned - details to follow nlt 21 Feb
- Will propose sister-city relations with Portsmouth UK
  - Potential economic benefits for local Maritime businesses
  - Tourist and vacation benefits
- Portsmouth NH and Portsmouth, VA Mayors to attend August 375th events
- GMH meeting Jan 30
  - FGMH unable to take on 29 Aug. reception
  - Need volunteers to assist in event planning

# Events Committee



# Soup Event 17 February

- Ticket refund options:
  - 1. Consider the cost of the \$6 ticket as a donation to the Portsmouth 375th Year-long Celebration.
  - 2. Keep the ticket and exchange it for a glass of Greenvale Vineyards's 375th Label wine when it premieres at the Vineyard in May. (My personal favorite!)
  - 3. A full refund – tickets can be returned to 375th Steering Committee Volunteers at the Portsmouth Free Library at the following times: Wednesday, 27 Feb, from 12 Noon-2 PM, Friday, 1 March, from 3-5PM or Saturday, 2 March, from 10-12 AM.
- Need SC volunteers at Library at those times

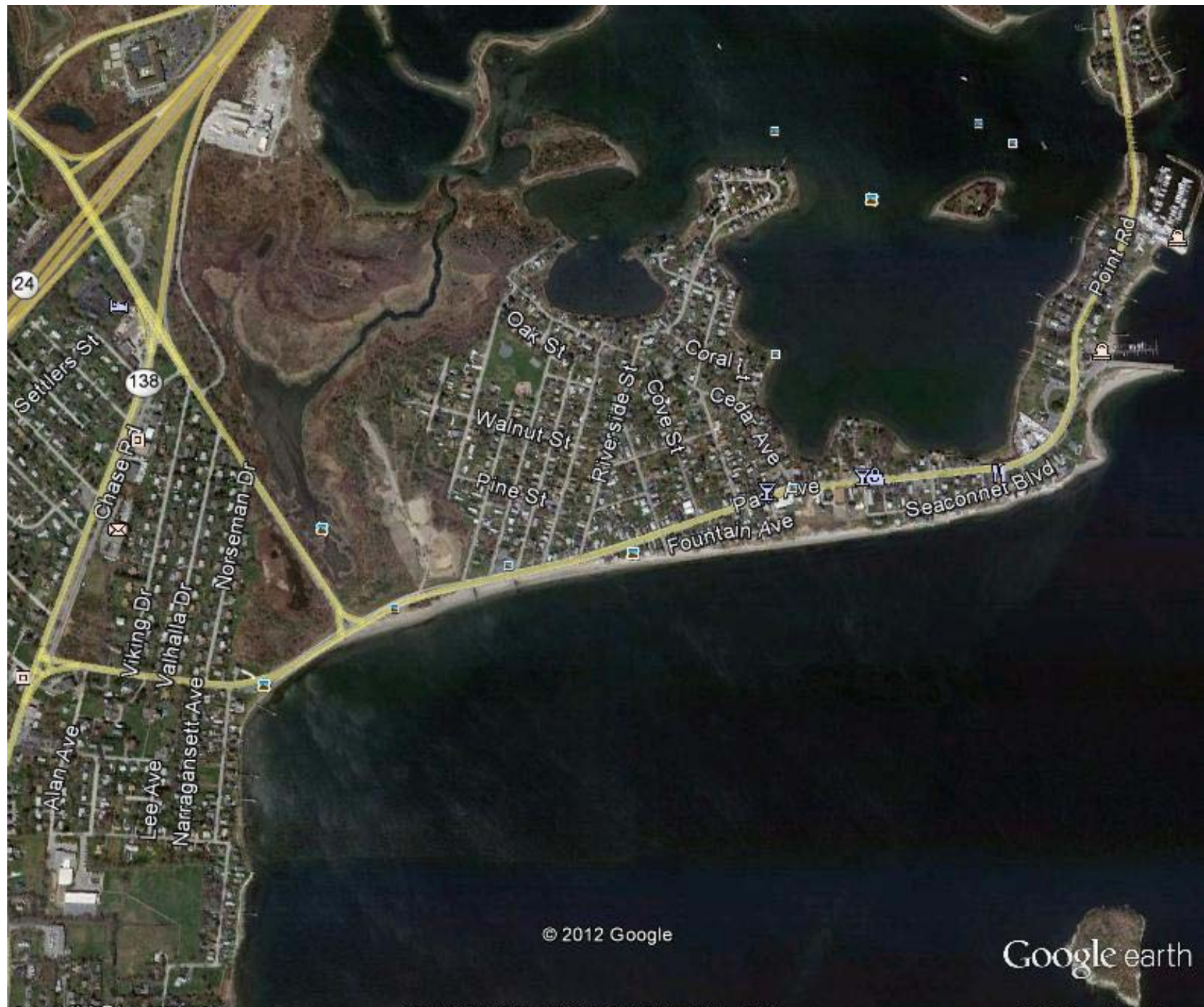
# Winter Trail Walk 2013 *Melville Park Winter Walk*



- *Saturday, February 23, 2013, 1 - 3 PM*  
*(a Portsmouth 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary event) Join us and get to know this beautiful preserve with its wooded paths, ponds, stone walls, waterfall & wildlife*  
- It's ALL FREE
- 3.75 km Walk The first 50 participants to register and successfully complete each stage of the 3.75 km walk will receive a **commemorative medallion with ribbon**
- Guided walk - Learn interesting history about the park. (The park has unimproved natural walking paths.)
- **Free Refreshments** -  
Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Desserts
- **Location** - Melville Park is just off of West Main Rd. (Rt 114). Take Bradford Ave (at Melville School) to Smith Road, turn right just beyond the Melville Campground
- Follow the signs to registration, guides and refreshments (same day registration only)
- See our website [www.melvilleponds.org](http://www.melvilleponds.org)

# Parade Committee

- Meeting held on Saturday, 9 February with (14) in attendance. Representatives from the Scouting Community and Fire Chief Cranson were a great addition to our regular members along with Steering Committee Chair, Doug Smith and Vice Chair Gary Gump.
- John Mangold is our liaison with the Town Administrator, Police and Fire Departments. Chief Cranson pledges the assistance of the Fire Department.
- LT Bill Burns is the Police Department liaison.
- Major issues put on the floor included the entry of animals, safety, and who shall be allowed to enter into the parade.
- The invitation to participate letter and the return form were discussed and they need to be finalized prior to mailing.
- A meeting with the Police and Fire Departments will be scheduled to allow them to have input on the best parade route to use.
- Next Parade meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 16 March 2013 at VFW Post 5390, Common Fence Point, 1000 hours.



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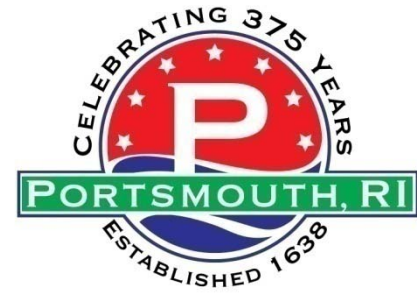
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# Publicity and Advertising 2-21-13



- ***Web Help***
  - *Working with RWU*
- ***E-mail Outreach***
  - Monthly e-mail - Katherine
- ***Local Video Media***
  - *Historical Tour Video*
- ***“Tour” Brochures***
  - *- on line version*
- ***Follow-up with Local Businesses***
- ***Committee Exposure***
- ***Publicize Next Major Events***
  - *Winter Walk at Melville*
  - *March 7 Ceremony and Evening Lecture*

# Portsmouth RI 375 Financial Statement

## 17 January 2013

- Two Founder Donations
  - \$375:
    - Robert and Corrine Edenbach
    - Carleton Johnson
- Merchandise Sales:
  - \$293 at PCU
  - Checking others
- Current Balance \$20,289.32



# Fundraising



# Other VC/Liaisons

- Technology: New tech person still needed
  - RWU student support? (Rich?)
- Town: Progress on 7 March ceremony
- Schools: How can we help?
- Business?
  - 375<sup>th</sup> logo bracelet from Alex and Ani ?
  - 375<sup>th</sup> Soda, other stuff?
  - Major Sponsor opportunities
    - 375<sup>th</sup> Reception at GMH 29 August – PCU Plus others?
    - 375<sup>th</sup> Parade 31 August
    - Escobar 375<sup>th</sup> Fireworks display 4 July
    - Glen Park Chicken Barbeque/Square dance – 1 Sep
    - Other events?

# Discussion

- Status:
  - Flag, Standing Signs, other?
- Town ceremony on 7 March IHO Compact
- Church/Religious liaison?
- Navy Band Event/Pianist Concert? – When and where?
- Who volunteers for
  - GHM Reception Committee?
  - Family Day Planning Committee?
  - VIP Visitor Hospitality Committee?
- Parade Committee can always use volunteers