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Happy 375th

Birthday!

Portsmouth

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Next Year is Our 375th Birthday

- How do we celebrate it?
- Can we use this as an opportunity to promote our town?
- How do we get started?
- Planning needs to start now...



Purpose of this Meeting

- See who is interested
- Gather ideas for events and celebrations
- Establish an informal organization to develop and execute plans
- Assign responsibility for general and specific planning
- Determine resource requirements and potential sources/donors
- **GET STARTED!**

How Do We Celebrate Our 375th?

- Public Events?
 - Concerts, Fairs, Sports, Theater, and other events
- Civic Events?
 - Ceremonies, announcements, other
- School Events?
 - Writing and art contests, plays, other
- Business events?
 - Promotions, sponsorships, other
- What else????

Who Will Conduct These Events?

- Town government?
- Town committees?
 - Bristol Ferry Town Common Cte, Founders Brook Cte, etc.
- Civic organizations?
 - Rotary, PBA, Grange, VFW, 4H, etc.
- Other Town Organizations?
 - Historical Society, Friends of Glen Manor, Garden Club, etc.
- Businesses
 - Clements, Raytheon, other ?

How Should We Proceed?

- Establish a 375th Committee? Or...
- Establish a 375th steering group to coordinate events?
 - Planning and execution by Town Committees, other organizations
 - Dedicated Town Hall/School Department liaisons
- Other?

What Do We Need?

- Logo/brand
- Organization
 - Tax free status?
- Funds
 - Grants?
 - Donations?
 - In kind support?
- Volunteers
 - Leaders
 - Helpers
- Support
 - From Town
 - From Businesses
 - From the public



How You Can Help



- Sign up for specific areas of interest
- Help plan and organize events
- Help with promotions and marketing
- Help with fund-raising
- Help conduct events
- In short – volunteer!