

UPDATE: **BARRINGTON 300 - 1717 to 2017**

On November 21, a group of Barrington residents met at the Public Library to share ideas how to Celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Barrington in 1717.

After Van Edward's very informative overview of the changes in geographical boundaries from the earliest settlement in 1641 to 1770, Lyn Malone led a lively discussion of potential events to celebrate 300 Years of Barrington's growth. Cards were circulated for each participant to write out an idea. Then Lyn had each person read out their idea briefly with the result that nearly 40 activities were generated. Rev. Charlie Hartman wrote the ideas on large poster paper and then we marked off with a DOT/sticker WHAT was preferred.

There was some duplication of ideas, such as four different TOURS and events that could easily be combined, or Fireworks and a Beach concert. Attached is a shortened list for your information and review. Please note that we did not have any Sports groups represented or private Schools and Clubs. We are working on expanding our contact lists with able assistance from our Town Clerk's office and the Barrington Community School staff.

Please send any NAMES of potential contacts, COMMENTS or NEW ideas to Van or Bonnie. Our e-mail addresses are listed above and at the end of this message. We want to include as many people who care about Barrington as possible... and our neighbors from Swansea and Warren.

We are working to schedule the next meeting of **Barrington 300** early in January. Please come to this meeting, which will be in the Town Hall building, thanks to June Speakman. Watch for an announcement of date and time.

Thank you for your interest. Your ideas are most welcome!

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Attachment: List of PRELIMINARY IDEAS, 11/21/15

**PRELIMINARY IDEAS: BARRINGTON 300 CELEBRATION: 1717 - 2017**

November 21, 2015

#DOTS	EVENT
5	Clambake
5	Tours of houses with History; also Cemetery Tours, Tours of Slavery and Slavery sites, Tours of Native American sites
2	Commemorative Publication. Also "Lost Barrington"
2	Schools: Barrington History Curriculum; Essay contest; Map project," My Barrington" and an Insignia Contest;
2	Beach Concert / Fireworks
2	Costume Dress Ball
2	Regatta / and or Parade of Ships
2	Permanent Signs for Historical Sites
1	Monument to Founders
1	Web Site
1	Scavenger Hunt for historical places and objects
1	Buggy Rides with docents
1	5K Road Race / Sports events (Middle and High Schools)
1	Parade/ Time Capsule Ceremony
1	Movie/ DVD of Early Times
1	Ceremony of Reconciliation with Native Americans
1	RISD Property and Brown Property
1	Concert featuring Period Music
1	Festival
1	Historical Lectures/ Oyster Industry / Saltmarshes
1	Banners
1	Design a Tri-Centennial Medal for awards and fund-raiser