

Report of the Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee

1764 - HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY FREMONT - 2014

The 250th Anniversary of Fremont is almost upon us. 2014 is a major milestone year in Fremont's history and a dedicated and hardworking committee is doing everything possible to put on a celebration that will hopefully make all Fremonters very proud.

Fremont was originally incorporated as the **PARISH OF POPLIN** on Friday, June 22, 1764. The name of the town was changed to **FREMONT** on July 8, 1854 in honor of **John Charles Fremont** -- the famous American West Explorer; first ever Republican Presidential Candidate in 1856; and Civil War General. Though he lost the presidential election of 1856 to Democrat James Buchanan, he paved the way for Abraham Lincoln's successful Republican bid for the Presidency in 1860.

Thanks to the cooperation of numerous townspeople and businesses alike, Fremont's 250th Celebration will take place primarily between Thursday, June 19 and Sunday, June 22, 2014. A large Fremont 250th Anniversary Field Day will take place on the Peterson's BROOKVALE FARM FIELDS on Martin Road on Saturday, June 21st. It will consist of Musical Concerts; Antique Car/Truck show; Revolutionary War & Civil War Re-enactors Militia Encampment/ Mock Battle; Crafts & Food Fair; Exhibits / Demonstrations; FIREWORKS; Children's games; a Fremont Northside versus Southside Fremont Tug-o-War Contest, and other to-be-announced activities. A Miss Fremont Contest; 1800 Meetinghouse Concert & Tours; Fremont Historical Museum Exhibits; Souvenir Booklet; Pancake Breakfast; Ecumenical Church Service; Dedication of the 1802 Reconstructed Poplin Town Pound; and Fremont Birthday Cake are just some of the other celebration activities planned for the remainder of the four-day-long celebration.

An Old Fashioned 1890's Era Baseball Game will be played in old-time baseball uniforms on June 7th at the Fremont Ball Field.

We are very proud to announce that the 250th Committee has funded the production of a 3' X 5' **FREMONT TOWN FLAG!** This is a fundraiser for the Committee and proceeds will go to help fund the celebration. **Fremont will be the FIRST town in the State of New Hampshire to make a town flag available for residents to purchase and proudly fly from their homes and businesses.** There are only 50 available for purchase so flag sales are on a first come, first serve basis. We have **Fremont Town Seal Sun-catchers & 250th Anniversary Window Decals** available for sale. These reasonably-priced items can be purchased by calling 895 4032.

The Committee will also produce a special 250th Commemorative Anniversary Souvenir Program Booklet. Anyone interested in permanently memorializing their business, family or family member, organization, church, etc. within the Souvenir Program are asked to contact Carolyn Carr at 895 4095 for advertisement rates and ad sizes.

The Fremont 250th Committee has worked very hard since 2010 raising funds to help offset costs associated with putting on a suitable and worthy celebration. Many kind and generous donors have donated funds or purchased souvenir items to help keep this celebration as reasonable and cost-effective as possible. Unfortunately, doing almost any community event in this day and age is far from reasonable when it comes to costs. Therefore we ask townspeople to please support the proposed \$5,000 in Warrant Article 17 on the March 11 Town Election Day Ballot so that these vital funds can go into the *250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund* to help offset various costs associated with the upcoming celebration. Please keep in mind that Fremont doesn't have an extensive business base to count on, so local support is vital to making this celebration an event we can all be proud of and remember fondly.

Anyone interested in joining the 250th Committee, or donating funds to help support our celebration goals can call 250th Chairman Matthew Thomas at 895 4032 for more information. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex Meeting Room. **YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL who are doing so much to make Fremont's 250th Celebration an event to be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew E. Thomas
250th Committee Chairman

Fremont 250th Committee members:

Dennis Acton, Doug Brown, Karen Gehalo, Al Hinckley, Lori & Leon Holmes Jr, Joseph & Doris Nichols, Rick Pinder & Mary Wheaton-Pinder, Robert Rydeen, Donna Smith, Terry & Mike Sullivan, and Sharon Thomas

Chairman - Matthew E. Thomas, **Vice Chairman** - Michael Rydeen, **Secretary** - Patricia "Trish" Coulombe, **Treasurer** - Jean F. Ragonese



Henry Cook's Store, Main Street-built 1910,
still stands across from Town Hall.
Decorated for the 150th Anniversary Celebration
of Fremont in 1914.

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