

Underhill Celebrates the 250th Anniversary
of the Town's Charter June 8, 1763

by Rick Heh
2015

**A series of events were held throughout the year,
culminating in the burial of a 3,000 lb Time Capsule
to be opened at our 300th Anniversary!**

Included in this chapter:

- Overview and highlights of yearlong activities
- Newspaper articles describing and publicizing activities
- The flyer mailed to all town residents announcing the June 8, 2013 Parade, BBQ, Town Photo, etc.
- Schedule of June 8 activities, displays and musical performances
- Planning and scheduling documents
- Acknowledgement of major participants
- Time Capsule detail and contents
- Our Town Photo, June 8, 2013 (700+ town's people)

250th Anniversary Celebration

(June 8, 2013 – June 7, 2014)

It was an extraordinary Anniversary year, filled with numerous fun, educational and Community building activities. This chapter is intended to document the activities as well as the comprehensive planning, promotional and production processes (begun in the Fall of 2012) that enabled these events to come to life.

The 250th Anniversary Planning Committee would like to thank our town residents, family and friends who participated to make these unique events a great success. We received loads of positive feed-back, much of it centering on how these activities brought us together as a community and suggestion that we should do more of this type activity in the future. I know I speak for our diehard committee members, that the effort invested to conceive and produce events enjoyable to the broad spectrum of town folk, families, children, adults, history buffs, music lovers, friends and neighbors was truly a labor of love.

** 250th Anniversary Day - June 8 Festivities:

The day's events began with a fabulous parade coordinated by our Road Foreman Nate Sullivan. The misty morning and thankfully warm light rain did not dampen the spirit of townsfolk clustered along the River Road beginning at Lower English Settlement, culminating at Town Hall. Word having spread during weeks prior, the parade encompassed broad community participation including: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Little League baseball, Color Guard, Hannifords Fife & Drum Corps., 4H Club, Poker Hill School, street yoga acrobats Abbi Jaffe and friends, Mary Hill banner brigade, Emily Diffenderffer VW bus & children, Red Cross, Fire Department, antique automobiles. There were more tractors, Farm, Fire and Town vehicles than most of us had ever seen in one place at any one time. The excitement and joy seen on children's and adult's faces alike gave me goose bumps. Parade announcer Bill Wilson read the history of Underhill from the steps of Town Hall as the parade worked its way down the River Road on in to Underhill Center.

Immediately following the Parade as the crowd gathered in front of Town Hall, Sue Kusserow having distributed word sheets, led a sing along of popular songs from the past 200 years. Sue kept the crowd occupied while Photographer Martin Miles prepared to take "the Town Photograph" a memento including 800+/- residents. Utilizing a most ingenious technique to insure all eyes open, Martin instructed the crowd: "now close your eyes and when I count to three, open your eyes and say 250th Anniversary." Brilliant! Aroma from the Kurt & Donna Johnson hamburger, hot dog grill team drew folks to the big tent area behind Town Hall for the "main course" Chicken Barbecue dinner and afternoon's activities. Jason and Michaela Crooks entertained children of all ages with the, sawdust /candy pile, dunking booth, greased climbing pole, ongoing games and races.

Numerous talented local musicians coordinated by Sarah Bahr (also a violinist) entertained us throughout the day. There was face painting by Cathy Leathersich, impromptu interviews by Joyce Babbitt & student Sianna DesRoches, Pie eating contests lead by Jean Archibald. Town Clerk Sherri Morin, Nancy Bradford and Betsy Page displayed an amazing array of Historical memorabilia from the Town vault including the original Town Charter. Pat Lamphere shared family treasures including a musket rifle. Scott Tower displayed detailed Ancestry family tree lineage posters at our Historic School House #5. Gary Irish demonstrated the functionality of antique tools, machines and gadgets from his extensive private collection, under a large tent set up in Ed Moore Park. Special thanks to Ellen Eccleston, Nancy Davis and Irene Linde for Night

security, food & sundries provisions & service, large banner from Coke Co. and so much more. The day's activities and fun were captured on digital media by Tim Chamberlin and his sons – beautifully edited and now available on DVD!

(Partial list of individuals who provided tractors for the Parade: Gary Irish, Gael Boardman, Chamberlins Paul, Tim & sons, Dolphia Wells, John Wursthorn, Reggie Potvin, Nate Sullivan, Bill Russel, Tom Niles, Scott Tobin, Luke Dandurand, Dan Manz, Steve & Nae Guay, Bob Ettenburger, Walter & Steve Weir)

Other major projects and activities during the Anniversary year included:

** Artistic hand painted banners hung along the roadways throughout Town: Coordinated by local artist Mary Hill, thirty three artists, friends and children, produced 86 cheerful scenes on two sided banners. Kurt Johnson and Rick Heh hung the banners on telephone poles throughout “the Flatts” and “the Center” to brighten our travel and our days. We plan to recondition the existing banners and encourage a fresh round of artistic expression to generate additional banners for following years.

** Champlain College student Spencer Salinder (Mary Hill's son) designed two versions of 250th Anniversary commemorative T-Shirts. Committee members sold approximately 750 of these T-shirts at the three local markets and via word of mouth, in support of our yearlong activities and for the benefit of our reinstated Underhill Historical Society.

** The Fall Bus tour of Underhill historical sites was a true adventure. Dan Close (author of "A Day on the Bus") navigated some tight squeeze country roads while Gael Boardman and Betty Moore treated us to historical perspective, town lore and comic relief stories. Donuts, Cider, Coffee, historical displays and comradery were shared upstairs at Town Hall afterwards.

** The Pig Roast produced by Nate Sullivan at John & Polly Connell's Barn provided perfect opportunity for delicious "pot luck" accompaniment and excuse to socialize with friends on a weather perfect September evening.

** October Speaker events: Michael McKnight's discussion group (*Ethan Allen's philosophical views - Reason: the Only Oracle of Man*) and Vince Feeney's talk (*The Irish in Underhill*) were choice opportunities to gain insight on our notable Vermont and Underhill characters and corresponding historical context.

** The November Contra Dance coordinated by Rick Heh, held at Dave & Rebecca Rogers (Mead/Fay) barn, was a hoot with as many as 40 dancers at once moving in synch to the fiddle tunes of Brian Perkins, Eileen O'Grady and our own Sarah Barr. Peter Johnson of the Mad Robin Callers did a fantastic job of first describing the various dances (all unique), then talking us through step by step, on this thankfully mild and full moon evening.

** Burial of a Time Capsule (to be opened in 50 years) was delayed until early Summer 2015 – the final day of the anniversary year. The “capsule” consists of a 2,800lb concrete casket vault nearly eight feet in length. Intent was to encapsulate items familiar to us in 2013. The committee collected hundreds of items and documents encompassing subject matter: household, hygiene, entertainment, sports, toys, money, social, business and technology including a Keurig coffee machine, two cell phones and a laptop computer. To round out our collection and insure we adequately represented our culture, Gael Boardman, Kurt Johnson and Rick Heh went on an afternoon shopping adventure to acquire representative sporting equipment, children's games,

toys and household goods. A late breaking idea, we offered parents the opportunity to write a letter to their children and/or grandchildren, whom we hope will be around for the mystery and excitement fifty years hence when the capsule / vault is unearthed during the Town's 300th anniversary. To aid our memory as to where and how the capsule was buried, a plaque containing necessary information is mounted in our Town Hall office. This all should prove quite interesting for our youth of today (adults in 2063 !) many of whom also contributed an essay with predictions on what life may be like 50 years from now. I wonder how accurate the predictions will be ?!

** The Recording of Interviews of long term citizens project was initiated and captured a half dozen detailed conversations with willing townfolk. Focus being our senior residents who grew up in Underhill preferably in the 1930's / 1940's. We would like continue this effort and acknowledge the challenge being how/where (media) to best store and safeguard these recordings.

Planning Committee Mission Statement

To learn about the past history of the Town of Underhill

To honor some of its long-term residents

To reach a broad scope of people via meaningful programs

To regard and envision its future

To carry forward a residual of community pride

Special acknowledgement to journalist and author Ted Tedford who initiated a call to action on Front Porch Forum suggesting back in the early Fall of 2012 that we organize and plan for our 250th Anniversary; and to Ted and Sue Kusserow who produced Mtn Gazette and other public relations articles; and to Sue who regularly instructed us as to proper grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Chair of 250th Anniversary Planning Committee - Rick Heh

Underhill: 250 Years Young

By Phyl Newbeck, June 6, 2013

The Essex Reporter

Right on the heels of Jericho's 250th anniversary celebration on June 1, comes the sesquicentennial for the town of Underhill on June 8. Jericho celebrated its anniversary with walking tours of its two historic village centers, a historical display at Town Hall, recognition of descendants of the town's original settlers, and a concert by the Vermont National Guard 40th Army Band.

Underhill has been planning its party for over half a year and it's looking like it will be a gala event. The town has already gotten into the spirit of things with forty double-sided festive banners which were painted by residents under the direction of artist Mary Hill. Hanging from telephone poles, the banners have already elicited praise on the local Front Porch Forum. Recent rains knocked some of the banners down but new brackets have been purchased to get them reinstalled. In the fall, the banners will be moved to indoor locations.

Since annual events like the Memorial Day Parade and Harvest Market take place in Underhill Flats, members of the anniversary committee decided to focus the festivities in Underhill Center. The anniversary celebration will begin with a 10 a.m. parade which will include at least 20 tractors, leading from English Settlement Road to the Underhill Elementary School. At noon, residents are encouraged to gather in front of Town Hall for a town-wide photo to be taken by Martin Miles. The Underhill Jericho Fire Department will set up scaffolding across the street for the wide-angle shot. Miles has suggested that the assembled Underhillians sing happy birthday while he composes the shot. After the picture is taken, people can start smearing barbecue sauce on their smiling faces courtesy of a chicken barbecue put on by Weatherbee's Catering (the same folks who take care of the annual fire department barbecue) at Moore Park. An extra grill has been donated for the day so hamburgers and hotdogs can be added to the feast.

The afternoon will be filled with a variety of events including music, children's games and historical displays. Sarah Barr, a local high school student and fiddler, is in charge of the music. From 12:30 to 5 p.m., a minimum of seven musical acts will perform sets of 30 to 60 minutes. The children's games are all throwbacks to the past and will include a dunking booth, a greased pole, sack races and sawdust/candy pile. Rick Heh, chair of the anniversary committee, said children in three different age groups will be invited sequentially to dig in the sawdust pile for wrapped candies. He has been assured that not only is there enough candy for all but when the pile is "recycled" to be used as animal bedding, invariably more is found. Tents have been secured for the various events in case of rain and there will be three port-a-lets including one that is handicap accessible.

There will be historical displays at both Town Hall and School House #5, and a small information booth borrowed from the Harvest Market to provide maps and directions. School House #5 was cleaned and brought up to code for the occasion. Decades of storage and trash was removed from the second floor by roughly 25 volunteers. In the process they found a number of VHS tapes of groups of residents talking about the history of the town. A committee is being formed to look into ways to re-use the old structure and continue its rehabilitation. The old school house will have a display of vintage photographs, enlarged to 8x10, as well as some ancestry documents. Gary Irish's PowerPoint presentation of Underhill past and present has been converted to DVD and will run as a continuous loop in the building. At Town Hall there will be a collage display of photographs superimposed on oversized maps showing former buildings in town.

A farmers' market will be set up next to the old school house and a variety of antique farm equipment and vehicles will be on display outside in Moore Park. Throughout the afternoon, middle school students will interview citizens so history can be recorded for the next anniversary celebration. At 3 p.m., a no-hands pie eating contest will take place, designed for maximum messiness with chocolate cream pie with whipped cream. The festivities will end with some of the vintage vehicles taking a spin through town.

In addition to this being Underhill's 250th anniversary, it is also the centennial for the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department and the 50th anniversary of the local Boy Scout troop. The UJFD will have historical displays and equipment at Moore Park and the scouts will also provide information on their history in town.

Heh is looking forward to seeing his committee's plans come to fruition. "Over the past eight months, our team of volunteers has evolved a multitude of ideas into concrete activities catering to all ages," he said. "I am especially proud of the beautiful and unique banners decorating and setting Underhill apart from all other towns. For me personally, it has been a pleasure working with our diverse group of committed neighbors, who I know feel a great sense of satisfaction in all that we have accomplished leading up to our big day. Let the party begin."



Help Underhill throw a 250th Anniversary party

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Underhill is throwing a party. On June 8, the town will celebrate its 250th anniversary with a parade, a historical display, a town-wide photo shoot and a hearty barbecue. Planning for the event began in December and is overseen by a committee which includes Town Clerk Sherri Morin, Gael Boardman, Mary Hill, Nate Sullivan, Ted Tedford and Bill Wilson, and is chaired by Rick Heh. Several other residents have also lent a hand to plan the celebration.

The backbone of the anniversary celebration will be a parade which will end with a barbecue and a town photo. At this point, the exact route for the parade has yet to be determined but ideally the committee would like the gathering to end at the Underhill Central School. Since other town-wide celebrations such as the Memorial Day Parade and Harvest Market are centered in the Underhill Flats/Riverside area, the plan is to honor the 250th anniversary in Underhill Center. The goal is to hold the celebration in an area where there is sufficient parking for people to walk to the various events.

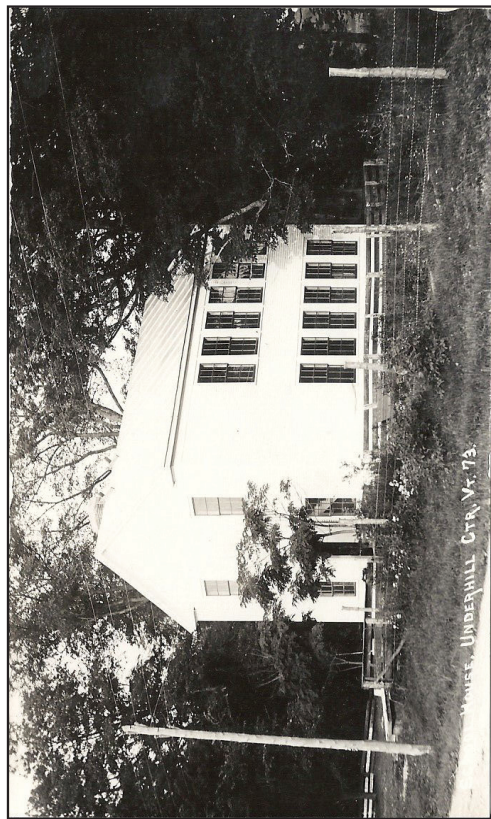
For several years, the Underhill Historical Society has been on hiatus, but the group has been revitalized by the anniversary planning. The anniversary planning committee hopes the old District 5 school house can be used as part of the celebration, perhaps for a living history celebration with people dressed in historically appropriate clothing. Care of the building which was last used seven or eight years ago as temporary town offices is entrusted to the Historical Society.

In addition to the parade, the cornerstone of the celebration will be a barbecue which might utilize the same people who put together the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department's annual Labor Day event, and a town photo. The committee is currently looking for someone with a wide-angle lens who would be able to photograph a large group of people. There is a possibility the photo shoot might have to be moved indoors but the committee is counting on good weather. A variety of contests and games for children will be scheduled during the festivities and old tractors and automobiles will be on display.

Various historical exhibits will also be part of the celebration. Gary Irish will probably do a slide show and Sherri Morin, Beisy Page and Nancy Bradford will put together several collages of photographs imposed on oversized old maps. One map will incorporate all the information Ed Moore has collected on the seven cemeteries in Underhill while others might highlight historic buildings.

The planning committee hopes to use the anniversary as the impetus to put together an oral history of the town. Volunteers are being solicited to interview people who have been in Underhill for over fifty years. Joyce Babbit will recruit students to do shorter, more generic interviews with residents during the course of the June 8 celebration.

Prior to the event, artist Mary Hill is hoping to get residents to paint banners which would be hung from telephone poles in town. The committee will supply the materials and the hope is that residents will create colorful displays to



From the collection of Gary Irish

commemorate the anniversary. The banners would stay up throughout the summer and the move indoors to some of the public buildings in the fall. Another, slightly less creative project could involve painting and maintenance of the District 5 school house.

Planning Committee Chair Rick Heh hopes more town residents will volunteer to help plan the anniversary events. At Town Meeting Day he will be displaying three T-shirts designed by a Champlain College student with potential town

logos and requesting feedback on which should be used for the celebration. The committee is also soliciting old photographs to copy and use for displays. Ironically, there are quite a lot of old photos available but less from the 1950's, 60's and 70's.

The anniversary planning committee meets every Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Town Hall and would welcome additional members. Those interested should contact Rick Heh at rheh@us.ibm.com.



The Planning committee, holding banners to be mounted on telephone poles. Left to right: Ted Tedford, Bill Wilson, Rick Heh, Nate Sullivan, Rita St.Germain, Irene Linde, Betsy Page, Nancy Davis, Kurt Johnson, Sarah Barr, Sue Kusserow. Taking the picture: Abbi Jaffe & Gael Boardman

Underhill to kick off 250th anniversary with a June 8 parade through Center

By Ted Tedford

Mark your calendar for June 8.

That's the day when Underhill celebrates its 250th anniversary with a parade and lots of fun activities for kids and adults.

A parade will form on English Settlement Road, start off at 10:30 AM and end up at Underhill Central School.

Among the parade participants will be Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, several floats, a band and several volunteer Fire Departments, including the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department. That department is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Nate Sullivan is coordinating the parade assisted by Richard Becker who has organized the Underhill-Jericho Memorial Parade for years.

Residents and town groups wishing to join the parade should contact the Underhill 250th Anniversary Committee at the Town Hall.

There will be several activities at the Town Hall and events at the District 5 Schoolhouse.

Town photo shoot planned at Underhill's June 8 party

By Ted Tedford

Smile! You'll be on camera with a whole bunch of other town residents.

At least if you want to be.

As part of Underhill's 250th anniversary celebration Saturday June 8, townspeople will be asked to gather in front of the Town Hall for a town picture.

Professional photographer Mark Miles of Underhill will be across Pleasant Valley Road in Moore Park where he will take the photo.

Every resident of the town is invited to betake part in the photo session and a host of other events preceding the photo and after.

The day will start off with a parade starting at English Settlement Road. It will proceed east on River Road to Pleasant Valley, past the Town Hall where most of the day's events are scheduled to take place and end at Underhill Central School.

Following the photo session there will be a barbeque behind the town hall, at about 12:30 p.m. During the barbeque and the rest of the afternoon, there will be musical entertainment by local musicians, also on the Town Hall grounds. The anniversary committee has arranged for a large tent to accommodate diners.

A display of town maps and photo collages of Underhill will be set up upstairs in the Town Hall.

There will be something for the kids, too. They are invited to enjoy games in back of the Town Hall after the barbeque. And if anyone is still hungry after the barbeque, a pie-eating contest is scheduled in the Town Hall grounds.

About mid-afternoon June 8, a caravan of old cars owned and driven by members of the Vermont Auto Enthusiasts will come

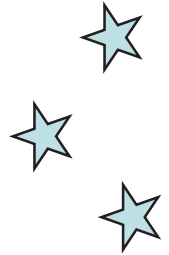
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250TH CELEBRATION



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Come Join Us !!

*** Saturday June 8th ***

10:00 Parade begins (from Lower English Settlement Road)

Parade ends @ Underhill Elementary School

12:00 Town Photo - In front of Town Hall

- All residents encouraged to join in!
- Martin Miles is our Photographer

12:30 Chicken Barbecue begins

- Local Performers provide Music & Song
- Children's Games and Activities
- Displays in Town Hall and Old School House #5
- Antique Farm Equipment & vehicles
- Farmer's Market
- Impromptu Interviews for posterity
- Commemorative T-shirts for sale (\$12.00)
- and more.... See Activities next page...

3:00 Pie-Eating Contest (no hands!)

Sometime between 3-4pm Vermont Auto Enthusiasts
will drive through UnderhillCenter

Displays & Equipment-viewing through early evening...

Underhill residents Barbeque

Donations accepted

*** For planning purposes we need ***
to know how many are coming

Leave a message with one of the following:

Ellen Eccleston – 899-2125

Betsy Page – 899-2123

Nancy Davis – 899-2554

Tell us the number of adults & children

Community Project

Old School House #5

May 11, 9am – Noon

***Hosted by our Underhill
Historical Society***

* Clear 2nd floor contents

* Building & Grounds Clean-up

*** Contact: Pete Czaja 899-5439 ***

Underhill Historical Society

Activities Detail & Volunteer opportunities !

Activities Detail

Entire Town "group" Photo by Martin Miles

Old School House #5 (Historical Society)

- Photos & ancestry documentation
- Gary Irish (historian) video presentation

Farmer's Market – adjacent to Old School House

Children's Games: Dunking booth, Greased pole, Sack races, Sawdust /Candy pile and much more

Underhill Musicians performing throughout the afternoon

Pie-Eating Contest

Impromptu Interviews by Joyce Babbitt's Middle and High School students

Fire Department Displays (100 year Anniversary)

Boy Scouts (50 year Anniversary)

Chicken Barbeque grilled by Weatherbees

Participate or Volunteer Contact

Join the Parade ! We'll provide the wagon; or walk, or march	Nate Sullivan 899-4732
Show off your old or Antique vehicle and Farm equipment	Ted Tedford 899-4447
Join in with the Musicians Share your Music..	Sarah Bahr 777-5094
Pickup & Drop-off local tables & Picnic tables. Set up tents.	Nate Sullivan 899-4732
Site & Food tent Set-up	Abbi Jaffe 318-3927
Evening & Night Security Friday & Saturday	Ellen Eccleston 899-2125
Help with Children's Games	Jason Crooks 899-5139
Grill attendants needed for burgers & dogs	Abbi Jaffe 318-3927
Break down & Clean-up Sunday	Abbi Jaffe 318-3927
Chairman – 250 Celebration Committee; Misc. Questions	Rick Heh 899-2747, 355-0228

Underhill History...

(By Ted Tedford)

Underhill history began June 8, 1763 when a group of speculators bought grants issued by New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth. In 1749, Wentworth began selling grants in what would later become Vermont despite claims on the land by the Province of New York and a subsequent order by King George III to cease. Wentworth became rich, pocketing a 20-Pound fee paid by each of usually 60 grantees per town and reserving two shares comprising 500 acres for himself. A Group of speculators, including Joseph Sackett Jr. and members of the Underhill family, were the original properties June 8, 1763 in land that would become Underhill. None of the speculators lived in town.

Underhill Buries Vault for 50 Years



Gael Boardman and Kurt Johnson guide as Nate Sullivan lowers the 3,000 lb capsule into the ground using an excavator. *photo Rick Heh*

Underhill's residents buried a 3,000 lb time capsule on June 7 atop Casey's Hill on Pleasant Valley Road.

The 30 by 80 foot sealed concrete vault contained hundreds of items and was buried in a brief ceremony. The capsule is to remain sealed for 50 years. Among the items included in the capsule were sports and electronic equipment, letters from children at Underhill Central and the ID School about what they think life will be like, town reports, and information from churches, clubs and other organizations.

Underhill celebrated the 250th anniversary of receiving its royal charter as a town on June 7, 2013. The capsule burial was the final work of the town's anniversary committee. (Free Press staff)



Rick Heh, chairman of the 250th anniversary committee, reads the dedication. *photo Ted Tedford*



Items to be included in the capsule are seen in the Town Hall, with the event committee in the background. Left to right: Ted Tedford, Rick Heh, Irene Linde, Nate Sullivan, Gael Boardman, Kurt Johnson.



Mike Diffenderfer, center, Pam Billings, far left, their children, local residents and town officials share the task of shoveling dirt to cover the capsule. *photo Rick Heh*



Rick Heh, Kurt Johnson, Irene Linde and Gael Boardman pause for a photo at the town garage while loading items into the vault. *photo Rick Heh*



Kurt Johnson is lowered via excavator bucket into a 9 foot hole, so he can square off the corners and edges in order to fit the time capsule.



Time Capsule Contents



Project coordinator Mary Hill displaying two of the 40+ two sided banners hung throughout Underhill beginning in 2013.

Underhill 250th Time Capsule

Items included in the +/- 3,000 lb concrete vault capsule

Technology

Dell Laptop comp. Windows-7
I phone
flip phone
land line phone
Sony Cybershot digital camera
Minolta (film) Camera
Calculator
Crank LED flashlight (2)
iPod Docking station & speakers
VHS/DVD player
flash drive

Town Items

Town report
2012 ballot
250th T shirts
250th banners
250th town pic
Photos around town
2010 Town plan

Sports

Baseball - hard ball(s)
Ultimate frisbee
roller blades
Football
Basketball
Soccer ball
Titlest Golf balls
Darts
Tennis balls - Penn
Shuttle cocks - badmitten

Appliances

Hair dryer
Electric Dryer
Electric Clock
Digital Clock
Keurig Coffee maker
Toaster
Light bulbs (incandecent)
Light bulbs (energy saver)
Stapler

Media

Mtn Gazette issues
Seven Days
Many many different
current magazines
Betty Moore History of
Underhill chapters & the
Moore family history
Captain Philips movie DVD
Store adds & various
price lists
Flyers, calendars & info.
from local businesses
Town Phone book
Fairpoint phone book

United Church of Underhill

Harvest Market 2003-13
Harvest Market 35th dvd
United church of Underhill

Scouts

handbook
roster
troop pic
neckerchief / patch

Schools

Underhill ID
Student predictions
for the future
faculty/staff pic
school calendar
Lunch menu
text books

MMU High School
Yearbook 2013

Toys

Spider-Man- Action figure
Radio control truck
Barbie dolls (2)
Crayons
Coloring book
Popular movies game
Lego - childs train
Lego - Ninjaq warcraft
Lego - Disney Princess
Disney Princess pom-poms
Hot Wheels (2) cars
Game - on Current movies

Schools

Und. Central Sch.
Student predictions
for the future
Autographed baseball
Photo book
other

Letters written

by
Parents to their
children and
grandchildren...

Dedication

read prior to burial on
June 7 by R.Heh.
and
other documents assoc.
with the burial.

Fire Dept

100th Anniversary publication
911 medal
100th T shirt & mug

Miscellaneous

Dog tags
Candy - M&M's, twizzlers
Town Photo (700+ town folk)
Switchback bottle
Heady Topper beer can
Vt related T-shirts
Sun glasses (4 pr)
Rolls of 2013 Coinage, Bills &
Vt comemorative quarters (40)
Popular cereals (4 bx)
Bowling ball, Kiss album (what?)
15ft 250th Celebration banner
Pringles potato chips
The Psychology of Winning
- cassette & course materials
Pkg of mechanical pencils
Pkg of Georgia Pacific paper
Tooth paste (2), tooth brushes
Hunting & Fishing licienes
Stamps
Ben & Jerry's cartons
etc. etc...

LETTER to: Underhill Town Residents on 2063

Dear Friends, neighbors and descendants of Underhill:

If you are reading this, then we are somewhat successful. Fifty years ago we celebrated Underhill's 250th birthday by looking back and musing ahead. We wonder if at the town's 300th anniversary you will do the same.

What you have come across here are our musings. This time capsule was a community effort to gather and show you a little of Underhill and the world in 2013. There is nothing of great economic value herein, sorry ... but we have assembled some things that might give you a glimpse of our era and some of our guesses as to what you might be dealing with 50 years hence.

These items break down into several categories, the town, schools, churches, organizations, sports, games, toys, technology, fashion, publications, politics, food and economics.

We committed these things with community support and ceremony and we are hoping you will recover them in the same way. We hope that before dispersal or disposal you will be able to display these pieces of the past in a local public place, the Town Hall, or a school with some support from the entities involved – schools, churches, etc.

We hope that our school children's' predictions will be shared with current students (and maybe) by the media. We hope you will contribute the town and community items to the town historical society. The technology things will surely be inoperative artifacts; we trust you to find good homes for them. (We wonder if any of them will still work). The sports items, games and toys should be auctioned off to benefit the historical society which we hope will still be thriving.

We have had fun celebrating our community at 250 years of age. It was good getting all of our residents to think of Underhill as our home town. It's a good town. Our wishes go forward to you, hoping that you love and respect Underhill in 2063 as we did in 2013. If you consider a time capsule of your own, please include this picture of us taken during our 250th birthday. We would like to be a part.

Best wishes and good luck.

We folks of Underhill, 2013

Read by Rick Heh - June 7, 2014

Underhill 250th celebration 1763-2013

Thank you !

On behalf of the town, our 250th Planning Committee expresses its special appreciation to the following individuals, corporations, and organizations for their support.

- Wells Corner Market, Jacobs Store, Underhill Country stores: For T-shirt Sales
- Underhill Country Store- Peter & Nancy Davis: For securing corporate and food donations
- The Select Board: For commitment of resources for the events
- Mary Hill: For Celebration Banners project
- First Step Printers: For Printing our Flyer, sent to all Town residents
- Blue Flame Gas: For use of their Barbecue Grill
- Underhill Historical Society: For its Rebirth in celebration of this event
- Coca-cola corporation: For announcement banners
- Martin Miles: For town picture (Photograph prints available -<petcare@greenmountainpetprofessionals.com>)
- Spencer Salinder: For T-shirts and Logo designs
- Emily & Michael Diffenderffer: For use of their property
- Underhill-Jericho Fire Department (celebrating their centennial): For supporting work

And with special appreciation to:

- * Sarah Bahr for coordination musical entertainment * Abbi Jaffe coordination of volunteers & site set up
- * Ted Tedford for public relations * Tim Chamberlin For videography, DVD & technical support
- * Jason Crooks for arranging and running children's games
- * Rick Heh for his leadership of the Underhill 250 Planning Committee
- * Nate Sullivan for his work and guidance in Planning and arrangement the events
- * And finally . . . for the many members of the community (known and anonymous) who volunteered their time energy and resources !

Volunteers needed for various Committees

- | <u>Area</u> | <u>(Organization and/or Lead Contact Person)</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Traffic Control | (Judy Kellner / Fire Dept.?) |
| 2) Parade Marshal | (Nate Sullivan) |
| 3) Town Photo - people management | (Martin Miles / R.Heh) |
| 4) Food Service (Deliver food, serve & manage plates, utensils, cups, drinks, etc.) | (Nancy, Polly, Sherri, N.Davis, Ellen....) |
| 5) Trash management during the day | (Mike Henry)
- Mike supply cans, Underhill Country Store supply HD trash bags |
| 6) Displays Security on June 8 | (Judy Kellner / I.Linde +...) |
| Equipment Security - over night | (Judy Kellner) |
| Site / Tents Security - over night | (Ellen Eccleston & family) |
| 7) Site preparation - brushhog, grounds | (Gael) |
| 8) Coordinate "list" who will loan (tables, chairs, picnic tables & where located? | (Nate) |
| 9) Coordinate "pick-up" of the above | (Nate & friends) |
| 10) Setting up Tables, chairs, | (Nate, Abbi, etc.) |
| 11) Coordinate return of borrowed items (tents, tables, chairs, etc.) | (Nate & friends) |
| 12) Coordinate return of equipment, tools, display materials | (Nate & friends) |
| 13) Musicians communications & schedules | (Sarah Bahr)
- Do we need Sound System ? |
| 14) Children's Games | (Jason Crook) |
| 15) Pie Eating Contest | (N.Davis with help....) |
| 16) Clean up following event | (Bill, Nancy, Polly, Ellen & Bruce, etc....) |

UNDERHILL 250TH Celebration 1763-2013

Schedule

10:00 Parade from Lower English Settlement road to Underhill Elementary school.

12:00 Town Photo in front of Town Hall. All residents are encouraged to join in !

12:30 Chicken Barbecue Reservations accepted first. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs available for all (Donations Accepted)

12:30-5:00 Activities

- * Local Performers provide music and song- (See separate music schedule)
- * Children's games and activities
- * Displays in town hall & old schoolhouse #5
- * Antique Farm Equipment and vehicles
- * Farmers' market @ Old School House
- * Impromptu interviews for prosperity – Brief Question & Answer by students (Interview tent)
- * Commemorative T Shirts for Sale- Vermont Historical Society Tent
- * Information booths-civic organizations

Special events

- * 3:00 Pie eating contest
- * ~4:20 Antique Auto Club Parade
- Will Drive through Underhill Center between 4:20-5:00pm

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Schedule of musical events

- 12:30-1:00 Sarah Hotchkiss
- 1:00-1:30 "Owl Stars" with Andy & Elizabeth Patterson
- 1:30-2:30 Shaun & Shelby King (Brothers- "King Me")
- 2:30-3:00 Ed Moore's band
- 3:00-3:30 Sarah Bahr, Mark Sustic, Sarah King, Johanna Taylor,
Maria Naumann (portion of "The Fiddleheads")
- 3:30-4:00 Alex Cliff & Friends
- 4:00-4:30 Regina Christenson & Stephen Whiteley
- 4:30-5:00 Paul Rocheleau - keyboards
- 5:00-5:30 "The Lesser Gentlemen."

Plentiful news articles publicizing 250 Celebration events
throughout the year

Underhill to bury time capsule

By Ted Tedford

Underhill's 250th Anniversary Committee will bury a huge concrete time capsule atop Casey's Hill on Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill Center, at 12:00 noon Saturday, June 7.

Committee Chairman Rick Heh urged townspeople to attend the final event of the committee's efforts that began two years ago. Then last year on June 8, hundreds of Underhill residents and others marked the 250th anniversary of a royal charter issued by a British governor that founded the town.

On June 7 in a brief ceremony, an 80"x30" concrete burial vault containing hundreds of artifacts will be lowered into a large hole on top of the popular sliding hill and then covered over. Soon after, a plaque will be set above the capsule, marking its location, with instructions for town residents 50 years from now to dig it up and see what life was like at the time of its burial.

Among the hundreds of artifacts included will be everyday things people used – household items, electronics and sports equipment, pictures and letters from Underhill school children about what they think life will be about 50 years in the future, town reports, a town plan, current magazines, and information from local churches, businesses, clubs, and other organizations.

Hundreds of items have been sealed in

waterproof bags and will be placed in the capsule the morning before the ceremony. Members of the anniversary committee have been gathering the artifacts for several months.

The capsule's burial will be the final event of last June's anniversary that included a parade, sit-down dinner and barbeque, old-time equipment, games, music, and a picture of more than 800 celebrants taken in front of the Town Hall.

Underhill was founded June 8, 1763 when a group of speculators bought grants issued by New Hampshire's royal governor, Benning Wentworth. Among the proprietors were Joseph Sackett Jr. and members of the Underhill family. None of them lived in the town.

Wentworth's grants, sold in much of what is now Vermont, set off a bitter struggle between "Yorkers," settlers from the colony of New York, and "Vermonters," among them Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys.

King George II had set the New York boundary east of the Hudson River. His successor, King George III changed that, moving the line farther east, to the Connecticut River, invalidating the Vermonters' claims. New York courts then ruled that the settlers in the Green Mountain State would have to buy their land all over again. That set off a long struggle, with the Green Mountain Boys "removing" the "Yorkers."

Underhill Town News

Peppery Porker to please the public – Fall Pig Roast -

The 250 Anniversary Committee, formed to commemorate Underhill's incorporation as a Town, is still busy! The enthusiastic numbers for the Town Party convinced us that we should keep the momentum going, right to the end of the 250th year: 2013. One way to do that is to take advantage of the skills of one of our committee members: Nate Sullivan. He has volunteered, not only his expertise on how to roast a pig to a crinkly-skinned perfection, but the pig itself.

September 14, Fall Pig Roast, Connell's Barn, Krug Road, Underhill Center - Come at 2:00 PM to watch the chef at work; servings will be ready at approximately 3:00 PM. Corn on the cob will be done by the committee. We are asking for donations of salads and desserts. No reservations are necessary. BYOB. If you can bring chairs, stools and light tables, that would be a good idea. We are arranging ample parking. Please call any committee member for more details: Sandy Gillim, 3106; Irene Linde, 4734; Rick Heh, 2747; Gael Boardman, 2260; Ted Tedford, 4447; Sue Kusserow, 2215 Mike McKnight, 4185; Nate Sullivan, 4732. What a great way to celebrate our Town!

We also have plans right through December 2013:

October 12: Bus Tours to historical sites, with tea and cookies at our last stop. By donation and reservation; more details later.

October 30: Vince Feeney, The Irish in Underhill, Rawson Library

Mid-November: Michael Mcknight: The Philosophical views of Ethan Allen, Rawson Library

Early December: Contra Dance

Sub Scouts registering now

Donate items for Underhill time capsule

By Ted Tedford

Underhill's 250th Anniversary Committee is urging town residents to donate articles for a time capsule to be buried Saturday, June 7, atop Casey's Hill on Pleasant Valley Road.

Committee Chairman Rick Heh and member Kurt Johnson said the committee seeks a variety of items, some that people may not think at first should go into the capsule but would be viewed with great interest 50 years from now when it is opened.

What is the committee seeking for the capsule? Some suggestions: pictures of activities during 2013 and up to June 2014, popular children's toys of this era, sports equipment, programs for

plays or other events that took place in 2013, a 2013 yearbook from Mount Mansfield Union High School, and anything else that would show what Underhill residents did, bought, used, or saved during the early part of this decade.

Nate Sullivan is making arrangements for the vault and for its burial. After the capsule is buried atop Casey's Hill, a large, heavy metal marker will cover its location. No time has been set for the ceremony. The committee members hope students will help donate articles and take part in the ceremony. "It is they, our committee hopes, who will open the capsule five decades from now," said Heh.



Ed & Betty Moore, Daughter in law Deb Moore & son Kurk, Rick Heh along with 800 town residents prepare for the taking of 2013 Town Photo by Martin Mile.



Road Foreman Nate Sullivan on one of thirty some local tractors passing by Town Hall during the June 8, 2013 Parade.



Ted Tedford dressed as a Colonial Patriot, with daughter Laurie enjoying the 250th Anniversary festivities.



Colorful chalk art 250th celebration day agenda by Abbi Jaffe



Side by side tractors driven by Wendy Guay and her son Nate in the June 8, 2013 Parade.



Beautifully restored 'one lunger' single cylinder gas engine on display amongst other antique farm equipment.

