



CELEBRATE STODDARD 250 NEWSLETTER

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And we are off, with a very successful kickoff last Monday at the Select Board. Over 50 settlers came out on a cold winter's night to back a petition to form a town, and in turn heard their representatives pass the following resolution

PROCLAMATION

A YEAR TO HONOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF STODDARD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

WHEREAS, on November 4th, 1774, the town of Stoddard was incorporated in honor of Colonel Sampson Stoddard, and other individuals staking a claim for stewardship and community; having formerly been known as Monadnock Number 7 or more locally as Limerick; and

WHEREAS, Stoddard has a rich past founded in a shared history of industry, forestry, agriculture and recreation, nourished by proud and hearty ancestors dedicated to community and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Stoddard has grown from barely 100 residents in 1900 to over 1,000 permanent full-time residents and another 1,000 seasonal residents that call this place home; and

WHEREAS, for two hundred and fifty years, Stoddard has provided a model of local self-government in the State of New Hampshire to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2024-01, the Selectboard of the Town of Stoddard deem it appropriate that the Town and its inhabitants shall honor the passage of its Charter, and remember those persons responsible;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Stoddard Select Board, by virtue of the authority vested in us as the Governing Body of the Town of Stoddard, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim the year of 2024 as "CELEBRATE STODDARD 250" and that the inhabitants of the Town are encouraged to honor this year with a recollection of the Town's history and such celebrations as might be deemed appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our decree of support on this declaration. Affirmed this 8th day of January 2024.

Stoddard Select Board: Christopher Madden, Chair Bob Fee Terri LaRoche

And if you want to know more about the colonial refreshments served, or make them yourself, the recipes are attached to this newsletter as a word document. Food is history too!



UPCOMING EVENT

Snow Shindig Feb 17 at Island Pond

The weather this past weekend gave us some hope that we can enjoy old-fashioned outdoor fun event with our neighbors: ice skating, fishing derby, a bonfire with s'mores and lunch served by Stoddard Fire and Rescue. A flyer with more details is attached.

GET INVOLVED

Our year long celebration has been created by the enthusiasm of many volunteers with great ideas. Two current areas where we need lots of help are hikes and Old Home Days.

Volunteers Needed for Hike Planning

During the year, we hope to offer many outdoor activities that get the community together. We are fortunate to have so much land in conservation with existing trails. The Committee is looking to form a small team to identify trails of interest where some of the town's history can be shared. The planning team can expect to be looking at options for four or more outings, checking trails for suitability (seasonal constraints, available parking, terrain, difficulty, loop or in and out, etc.), and identifying mapping resources to encourage more trail use. Those who are familiar with Stoddard trails and points of interest, GIS mapping and local history are especially encouraged to sign up. **Please email Geri Bailey (geribailey103@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.**

Be part of the best Old Home Days Parade ever

Create a float! Put a themed group together! The Old Home Days committee would love to have many more people participate in the parade. Start planning and imagining during these long winter days. If you have an idea for a float or want more information, contact **Randy Emerson** randyeme@aol.com

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