

Notes from KYN HRC Brainstorming Meeting

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Target Interviewees/Participants

1. Community
2. Focus on Residents, not Visitors
 - Focus on specific people/areas
 - Houses of worship
 - City Hall
 - Schools – start with Superintendent
 - Senior Living
 - James Steam Mill (Peter)
 - Heritage Houses (Graf Rink/Low St)
 - Horton Terrace (North Atkinson)
 - Opportunity Works
 - NPD/NFD
 - Cultural Contributors/Artists (Deb Szabo/ Pat Lutz)
 - Long-term “Porters”

Topics

1. History
 - Library/Archives
 - Joe Santos “This House Can Talk”
 - Ghlee Woodward
2. Diversity
3. Neighborhoods
 - Discuss former ethnic neighborhoods of Newburyport (Marge Motes)

Brainstorming

- Draft a letter/info sheet about the project and send it to potential participants/organizations in advance
- Have organizations handpick 5 or 6 people to interview
- Start by saying:
 - “Tell us your story...”
 - “Tell me about yourself.”

- Potential Questions
 - *“Why is it important to know you neighbor?”*
 - *“Tell us about an interaction- positive or negative – you’ve had with a neighbor.”*
 - *“What do you think is the most important thing about Community?”*
 - *“What is NBPT lacking?”*
 - *“As a town, what can we do better?”*
 - *“The one thing I would change about Newburyport is...”*
 - *“Tell me an assumption about a neighbor that changed after talking with them.”*
 - *“What does your neighborhood do to come together?”*
 - *“How do you get neighborhoods/associations to work together?”*
- Purpose
 - Everyone has a story to tell – it’s about breaking down assumptions
 - Combat Isolation
 - Commonalities
 - Appreciating differences
 - Finding common threads
- Present info sheet to filmmakers who might help us with the project.