

The Jaffrey Meetinghouse

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2025

A CELEBRATION ON THE 250TH BIRTHDAY
of
THE RAISING OF THE JAFFREY MEETINGHOUSE
June 17, 2025, at the Meetinghouse
6 o'clock

PRE-PROGRAM

TOURS

of
The Little Red Schoolhouse
Cathy Proulx, *Host*
&
Melville Academy Museum
Suze Campbell, *Docent*

CANNON SHOTS

*In response to the shots heard from the
Battle of Bunker Hill during the
raising of the Meetinghouse
fired by the*

Lafayette Artillery
Walter Holland, *Captain*

A HEADSTAND

Re-enacted by
Neige Christenson
*In remembrance of the headstand done
by John Eaton on the ridge pole of
the Meetinghouse on the day of its raising*

PROGRAM

WELCOME

The Reverend Laban Ainsworth
portrayed by David Torrey
&
Mary Minot
portrayed by Kathy Torrey

A PROCLAMATION

presented and read by Frank Sterling, *Selectman*

A POEM

written and read by Cassius Webb

A TUNE

“Fisher’s Hornpipe”
performed by Carol Compton and Randy Miller

A PROMENADE

*Participants will be led by The Reverend Laban
Ainsworth and Mary Minot in a “march” three times
around the interior of the Meetinghouse.*

A CONTRA DANCE

called by Kathy Torrey
Carol Compton, *Keyboard & Sound*
Randy Miller, *Fiddle*