

250th Anniversary Celebration Committee
Approved Minutes
Feb. 26. 2026
7:00 PM

The meeting was held at the Municipal Building Training Room, E Central Street

Members present: Robert Brown, Charleen Belcher, Roberta Trahan, Jayson Joyce, Lee Mulligan, Alan Earls, Maureen Brennan, Dan Brunelli, [Julie Cornoni](#), Matt Keras, Debbie Pellegrini,
Participating remotely: Lynn Pickhover, Ali Rheume,

The Meeting came to order at approximately 7 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Met with Pam Vickery, will have a form for smaller expenses for reimbursement

- OK to acknowledge member contributions as individuals but not with their company name.

- Met with State Rep. Jeff Roy. He had many thoughts. Wants to send us to MA 250 to perhaps integrate efforts. He ensured that \$25 K of \$50 K approved from state has been made available to the town

- Suggested Inviting MA 250 Sheila Green to our meeting (but by acclamation, those present decided 'not right now')

- Rob met with Dean Pres. Kulesza and was joined by new Dean appointee, Courtney Shimer. Kulesza is interested in getting students involved. Shimer will officially be voted onto the Committee at an upcoming Town Council Meeting.

- Rough Easton celebration budget was made available for comparison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of Jan. 22, 2026 were approved by roll call vote

PRESENTATION: ACCESSIBILITY NORMS

Ali Rheume walked the committee through a thorough discussion of signage and typography and how to make it meet accessibility goals and provided a list of recommended fonts.

NORMS AND VALUES CONVERSATION

Jayson led an interactive discussion about how we want and expect to interact with each other and how to avoid unconstructive conflicts. Broad general agreement followed. Results to be codified.

GUEST SPEAKER INVITATION

The Committee agreed to invite David Clifton from the Easton 300 celebration to speak at our next meeting and perhaps Rep. Roy before Sheila Green.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Budget/Fundraising Subcommittee

Charleen reported that the subcommittee has developed a fundraising letter, pledge sheet, and began work on potential program booklet

b. Events Subcommittee

Roberta reported that the subcommittee had mostly been working on determining a location for the final 2028 gala and was recommending Luciano's/King Philip/Lake Pearl due to its capacity and quality. Roberta indicated they were hoping on a vote to approve a \$1,000 deposit. A lengthy discussion followed about the actual costs. Uncertainty here

prompted Rob to suggest a separate meeting in the near future, which was agreed. Deb made a motion to approve the \$1,000 but this was not seconded, so Rob's idea was accepted.

c. Communications Subcommittee

Julie noted progress she and Ali had made on logo development. Said the subcommittee would meet on Mar. 10 and be ready to share logo options at next full-committee meeting, Mar. 26

CREATION OF 4th SUBCOMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL TOPICS

This was approved unanimously by roll call vote (Rheaume did not vote because she had logged off). Initial membership to consist of Lyn, Lee, Alan and Deb.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Lee suggested researching any descendants of families present in 1778 to potentially serve as Grand Marshall

Charleen asked to look out for females in Franklin history that can be recognized and celebrated (or that the Grand Marshall should if possible be female)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.