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Charlestown 250th Committee

Thursday, August 28th, 2025

Meeting minutes of the Charlestown 250th Committee held on Thursday August 28th, 2025 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Philip Gingerella, Chair.

In attendance were Charlestown voting committee members: Philip Gingerella, Dana Hall, Pam Lyons, Terri Shafer, David Monahan, Patrice Fenton

Absent members: Deb Carney, Peter Slom

Present – Nonvoting: Vicky Hilton

Absent – Nonvoting: Andrea Drake, Jennifer Poore,

Guest – Members of the Block Island Sound Bikeway Ad Hoc Subcommittee

MOTION by Pam Lyons, SECOND BY David Monahan to APPROVAL THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

1. Preparation for the Liberty Tree event are all set to go. Hope everyone can attend.
2. Dana Hall's children will be singing at the event.
3. Looking for information on a George Washington / Roger Williams impersonator.

Subcommittee Report – None

New Business – Request of Chair Gingerella to purchase some PR items for the Liberty Tree event. Request for up to \$500 for stickers, flyers and poster cards.

MOTION by Pam Lyons, SECOND BY Terri Shafer, to allow Chair Gingerella to purchase PR items for the Liberty Tree event up to \$500. Vote: 6-0 affirmative.

New Business – Block Island Ad Hoc committee discussed incorporating their main event into our plans for 2026. They are planning an historical bike ride through the Cross Mills area and were looking for possible dates and advice on logistics. Discussion ensued and they would return to their committee with recommendations from our committee.

Old Business – None

Public Comment – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Pam Lyons, SECOND by Terri Shafer. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Submitted by,

Philip Gingerella

Charlestown 250 Chair