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CHARLESTOWN 250TH COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 25, 2025

Meeting minutes of the Charlestown 250th Committee held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Phil Gingerella, Chair.

In attendance were Charlestown voting committee members: Deb Carney, Patrice Fenton, Phil Gingerella, Dana Hall, David Monahan and Terri Shafer

Absent Members: Pam Lyons, and Peter Slom

Present Non-Voting member (non-resident): Vicky Hilton, Charlestown Parks & Recreation Director

Absent Non-Voting members (non-residents): Heather Paliotta, Executive Director Charlestown Chamber of Commerce, Andrea Drake, Chariho High School Principal; Jennifer Poore, Charlestown Elementary School Principal,

Robert Whitaker, Chariho Social Studies Department Chair

Guests: David Moore, owner General Stanton Inn; Claire Dalidowitz and Joan Twardy. Members of the Block Island Sound Bikeway Ad Hoc Subcommittee

MOTION BY Deb Carney, SECOND BY Terri Shafer TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**Vote 6-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, GINGERELLA, HALL, MONAHAN AND SHAFER
MOTION CARRIED**

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chair Gingerella reported on the following items:

- 1) The Liberty Tree planting event was well attended and committee members received positive feedback from members of the community.
- 2) David Moore, owner of the General Stanton Inn was in attendance and the committee discussed "Family Day with the Founders" which will be held on June 14, 2026. The committee discussed possible time of noon-3:00pm. Budget to be determined and the sub-committee members that will assist are Fenton, Hall, Lyons, Monahan, Shafer and Hilton.
- 3) Discussion about 250 Commemorative Coins. Carney will get pricing and options

Subcommittee Reports- None

New Business – Claire Dalidowitz and Joan Twardy, representing the Block Island Sound Bikeway Ad Hoc Committee expressed an interest in hosting a bike ride with seven or eight historical stops with possible dates May 16 or May 17, 2026.

Old Business-

- 1) Dana Hall reported that the school play is moving forward. She has connected with the 4th Grade teachers and will have an excerpt of the play for the next meeting.

Public Comment - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Deb Carney, SECOND by Terri Shafer.

Vote 6-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, GINGERELLA, HALL, MONAHAN AND SHAFER

MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm

Submitted by,

Deb Carney, Secretary

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