

CHARLESTOWN 250<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE  
Thursday, May 22, 2025

Meeting minutes of the Charlestown 250<sup>th</sup> Committee held on Thursday, May 22, 2025  
at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Phil Gingerella, Chair.

In attendance were Charlestown voting committee members: Deb Carney, Patrice Fenton (as of 4:40), Phil Gingerella, Dana Hall, Pam Lyons, David Monahan, and Peter Slom  
Non-Voting members (non-residents): Vicky Hilton, Charlestown Parks & Recreation Director;  
Heather Paliotta, Executive Director Charlestown Chamber of Commerce, Andrea Drake,  
Chariho High School Principal.

Absent: Jennifer Poore, Charlestown Elementary School Principal,  
Robert Whitaker, Chariho Social Studies Department Chair (non-voting members)

**MOTION BY Deb Carney, SECOND BY Pam Lyons TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
APRIL 23, 2025.**

**Vote 6-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, GINGERELLA, HALL, LYONS, MONAHAN AND SLOM (FENTON  
NOT YET PRESENT)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chair Gingerella reported on the following items:

- 1) 250<sup>th</sup> Logo Contest- Several entries were received. The committee members liked different components of three different designs. Chair Gingerella will report back at the next meeting with the revised logo.
- 2) 250<sup>th</sup> Banner is completed. The banner includes a QR Code with link to 250<sup>th</sup> information. The banner will be on display during the Charlestown Memorial Parade on Sunday, May 25, 2025. The banner will be displayed around town during upcoming events.
- 3) The Facebook page has been updated. Please encourage people to like and share to spread the word.
- 4) Vicky Hilton investigated Historical Character Actors. Pam Lyons researched Historical Character Cutouts.

**MOTION BY Deb Carney, SECOND BY Patrice Fenton to AUTHORIZE PAM LYONS TO GET A  
CUTOUT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.**

**Vote 7-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON GINGERELLA, HALL, LYONS, MONAHAN AND SLOM  
MOTION CARRIED**

Subcommittee Reports:

- 1) Charlestown Memorial Day Parade – All set. The banner is done and will either be carried or attached to a parade float.
- 2) Fireworks – booked for July 9, 2026- cost will be about \$10,000.
- 3) Time Capsule- Nothing to report yet.
- 4) Speaking tour/ Display – Pam Lyons is working on with members of the Historical Society.
- 5) Website and Facebook page have been updated
- 6) School Play – Dana Hall and Andrea Drake have been working with Chariho staff and have started drafting the play. Nothing yet from Hopkinton or Richmond.
- 7) Dana Hall will invite Narragansett Indian Tribal representatives to the next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New Business - None

Old Business-

- 1) The committee will review the final logo options at the next meeting.
- 2) Need to decide on a location for the Liberty Tree.
- 3) Need to find actors for the speaking tour.

Public Comment - None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Deb Carney, SECOND by Peter Slom.**

**Vote 7-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, GINGERELLA, HALL, LYONS, MONAHAN and SLOM.**

**MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm**

Submitted by,  
Deb Carney, Secretary  
Charlestown 250<sup>th</sup> Committee

Approved June 26, 2025