CHARLESTOWN 250TH COMMITTEE
Monday, May 18, 2026

Meeting minutes of the Charlestown 250th Committee held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

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

In attendance were Charlestown voting committee members: Deb Carney, Patrice Fenton, Phil Gingerella, Dana Hall, Pam Lyons, David Monahan, Terri Shafer, and Peter Slom
Absent Members: Megan Pharo
Present Non-Voting members: Vicky Hilton, Charlestown Parks & Recreation Director; Heather Paliotta, Executive Director Charlestown Chamber of Commerce

MOTION BY Deb Carney, SECOND BY Pam Lyons TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM April 23, 2026
Vote 8-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, GINGERELLA, HALL, LYONS, MONAHAN, SHAFER, SLOM
MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRMAN REPORT:
Chair Gingerella reported on the following:

1) Approximately 200 people attended the kid's play on May 1, 2026 at the Charlestown Elementary School
2) Approximately 30 people attended the historical bike ride.
3) Chair Gingerella will promote the Memorial Day parade, the General Stanton Inn event and the July Fireworks/ music/ food truck event.
4) He purchased two large banners for the Memorial Day Parade float. Volunteers will help decorate the float.
5) We need to order the time capsule and a backdrop for pictures/ selfies.
6) Chair Gingerella met with Chief Sachem Stanton and other Narragansett Indian Tribal leaders to discuss a Proclamation/ resolution to recognize the Narragansetts that have fought in the wars over the past 250 years.

Subcommittee Reports:

1) Vicky Hilton noted she secured an opening band for the July 9th Food Trucks/ Fireworks event. The cost for the tent and stage, including set up and breakdown will be $2089.00

MOTION BY Deb Carney, SECOND BY Patrice Fenton TO APPROVE PAYING $2089 FOR THE TENT/ STAGE/ LABOR FOR THE JULY 9, 2026 EVENT.

Vote 8-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, GINGERELLA, HALL, LYONS, MONAHAN, SHAFER, SLOM
MOTION CARRIED

New Business – The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2026.

Public Comment : None

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Dana Hall, SECOND by Pam Lyons.
Vote 8-0. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, GINGERELLA, HALL, LYONS, MONAHAN, SHAFER, SLOM
MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm

Submitted by,
Deb Carney, Secretary
Charlestown 250th Committee