

CHARLESTOWN 250TH COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 13, 2025

Meeting minutes of the Charlestown 250th Committee held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

The meeting was called to order by Pam Lyons, Vice Chair.

In attendance were Charlestown voting committee members: Deb Carney, Patrice Fenton, Dana Hall (late), Pam Lyons, David Monahan, Terri Shafer (late) and Peter Slom

Absent Members: Phil Gingerella

Present Non-Voting members: Vicky Hilton, Charlestown Parks & Recreation Director; Heather Paliotta, Executive Director Charlestown Chamber of Commerce

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

MOTION BY Deb Carney, SECOND BY Patrice Fenton TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM August 28, 2025 and September 25, 2025.

Vote 4-0-1. IN FAVOR: CARNEY, FENTON, LYONS AND MONAHAN – ABSTAINED: SLOM (HALL AND SHAFER NOT YET PRESENT)

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Vice Chair Lyons reported on the following items on behalf of Chair Gingerella:

- 1) The committee needs volunteers to work at the 250th Booth at the New Year's Eve Bonfire- Carney volunteered. Fenton and Lyons can possibly help as well.
- 2) The state is offering \$1,000 grants for the 250th celebration. The committee would like the chair to apply, and request the money be used for the Commemorative Coins.
- 3) Carney is working on the Commemorative coins
- 4) GSI – Event- Monahan, Shafer and Paliotta met with David Moore (General Stanton Inn) to discuss Family Day with the Founding Fathers. The event will be oriented towards children. They are looking for a fife and drum corps or a patriotic band and actors, including George Washington. Different George Washington options were discussed. The plan is to include kid's crafts related to the 1700's. Need to develop a budget
- 5) Kid's Play- Hall reported the play is progressing. She will investigate getting costumes for reenactors for the 2026 events.

Subcommittee Reports:

- 1) Monahan reported that the Cross Mills Fire Station will be open during the Bike Ride in May. They will have water and restrooms available along with inviting CARS to attend in case needed. They will also have memorabilia on display

New Business – Carney will find out how much money is in the 250th account.

Public Comment - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Deb Carney, SECOND by Pam Lyons.

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

MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

Submitted by,

Deb Carney, Secretary

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