

## **250th Committee Meeting**

**Minutes April 30, 2025**

**Location: Evelyn Haines Conference Room at Town Hall**

### **Call to Order**

**Chair** Chris Sennott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All members present stood and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll/Attendance**

Members present: Chair Chris Sennott, Vice-Chair Dan Burns, Secretary Michele DeParasis, Albert Chin, Taryn Gillis (7:28), John LaFauci, Gil Moreira, Tommy Tringale.

Ex-Officio: Katherine Malgieri (Interim Planning Department Director), Jessie Hampson, Recreation Department, Don Jarvis, Veterans Services (via Zoom)

Members via Zoom: Treasurer Diana Saunders

Members absent: Kelley Sardina, Isaac Wright-Lichter.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Roy Frost (Police Chief), Robert Cole (Fire Chief), Robert Maynard (Director of Administrative Services), Dave Grubb (Recreation Director), Kerry Clery, School Department Superintendent, Dave Grubb, Recreation Department

## Open Mic

Chair Sennott called for open mike comments.

Events:

Tommy Tringale stated that the Captain Farmer Company event was fabulous, with many people attending, even as early as 5:00 a.m.

Michele DeParasis stated that the Billerica Historical Society's first open house of the season, featuring the Billerica Colonial Minutemen, drew a crowd of 30 attendees.

The Billerica Colonial Minutemen demonstrated living history to over 3,000 attendees at the Concord Museum.

Isaac Wright-Lichter's screening of Billerica's role in the Revolutionary War was terrific and is now available on BATV and the 250th Committee Website.

Tommy Tringale presented "Our Town" on BATV.

Al Chin expressed disappointment with the 250th Committee's attendance at the 4-5 events that the 250th Committee hosted or co-hosted (particularly by the Selectboard).

The Lions Club Carnival is scheduled for May 13- 18 at the Billerica Mall.

Gil is still working on distributing the pamphlet during the 250th Committee events.

Chris Sennott will set up an informational tent at the Playground Project Event on May 4.

Vice-Chair Burns requested that our bells include a logo sticker rather than a card.

Seeing no other comments, Chair Sennott closed Open Mic.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The 250th Committee account's current balance is \$3,151.35.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chris Sennot will ask the Town Moderator if the 250th Committee can present before Town Meeting.

### **Upcoming Events**

Chris Sennot shared that David Benedictus, a World War II veteran, still lives in Billerica. There are Korean Veterans and 75-80 Vietnam Veterans, as well as Veterans of the Gulf War.

Memorial Day, May 26, Commemoration, noon at Town Hall.

Flag Day is Saturday, June 14. It was suggested that Mr. Benedictus be invited for a drive in John LaFauci's Truck.

Dan Burns and Al Chin reported that on June 14th, the Billerica Colonial Minute Men will hold a Commemoration for Asa Pollard at the Asa Pollard Homestead. Details will follow. Afterwards, the Billerica Colonial Minute Men will attend the Manning Association's 125th anniversary Open House.

The 250th Committee will host a picnic and concert on July 3 from 6:30 to 8:30. Parking will be at the Library. Jessie Hampson stated that the Recreation Department will cover the band's cost. The Fire and Police Departments have grills. We need to get bread. The organization that cooks will need to be ServSafe Certified.

### **Update from Working Groups**

#### **Historical Tours:**

A motion was made and seconded to have Dan Burns, Tom Considine, and Kathy Meagher lead the Historical Tours.

Motion passed 9-0-0

Michele DeParasis expressed her disappointment that the Library may not be the right venue for our book signing and suggested we set up a tent at the July 3rd event.

Kat Malgieri suggested that we schedule our Ladies Luncheon (men are welcome) to celebrate women's roles in the Revolutionary War on or around August 26, when women won the right to vote. Michele DeParasis suggested the Country Club or John Ryan's Pub. (The Manning Manse was once a prohibition-era tea house.) More work needs to be done. Information will be provided at a future meeting.

Mural: Kat Malgieri stated that we will hear back from the state around the first week of August.

Juneteenth Interfaith event: Taryn will investigate further and report at a future meeting.

Michele will request a new page on the website to feature donors, including a link to their respective websites.

### **Fundraising and School Sub-Committees**

Gil Moreira requested a bulleted list of events to request donations. Michele will forward it.

The July 3rd event will feature a table where we will sell raffle tickets and other items.

Planning for the May 31 Craft Fair is progressing well. Only a few tables remain, and the food trucks have yet to be decided. Diana Saunders will provide an update at an upcoming meeting.

School Sub-Committee: No updates

### **Store Front**

A motion was made and seconded to add a storefront to the website for purchases. Michele DeParasis will investigate possible sites to manage.

Motion passed 9-0-0

**Vote on minutes from 4/8/25**

A member requested two minor changes to the draft minutes.

A vote was made and seconded to accept the amended April Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed 7-0-2

**Adjourn**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The motion passed 9-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Depending on the town meeting, the next meeting will need to be rescheduled and announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted 5/18/2025

By Michele DeParasis

Secretary