

250th Committee Meeting

Minutes: 5/28/ 2025

Location: Evelyn Haines Conference Room at Town Hall

Call to Order

Chair Chris Sennott called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

All members present stood and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll/Attendance

Members present: Chair Chris Sennott, Secretary Michele DeParasis, Treasurer Diana Saunders, Albert Chin, Taryn Gillis, Kelley Sardina, John LaFauci, Gil Moreira, Tommy Tringale.

Ex-Officio: Katherine Malgieri (Interim Planning Department Director), Jessie Hampson, Roy Frost (via Zoom)

Members via Zoom:

Members absent: Vice Chair Dan Burn, Taryn Gillis, Kelley Sardinia, Isaac Wright-Lichter.

Open Mic

Chair Sennott called for open mike comments.

Tommy Tringale asked about the date for the Town Festival/Street Party. The event is scheduled to take place in 2026.

Gil Moreira stated that May 29, 1655 (tomorrow) is the date of the founding of Billerica.

Seeing no other comments, Chair Sennott closed Open Mic.

Treasurer's Report

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

The motion passed 8-0-1

Chairman's Report

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

Upcoming Events

The Craft Fair will take place on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Setup will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The Cultural Fair has requested to set up within the auditorium due to the rain. Diana has agreed.

Volunteers are Diana, Michele, Tommy, Al, and Chris (stopping by). John and Taryn will be at the Yankee Doodle Homecoming Table.

Thirty vendors will be participating. We are SOLD OUT.

Only two food trucks will participate: "What the Fork" and "Queen Brew."

Roy Frost stated that traffic cones will be placed outside to control parking.

Meet and Greet with Michael O'Connell - Wednesday, June 11, from 6:30 to 8:30. Michelle Paquin is collaborating on the 250th Committee. Michael O'Connell will donate the two books to the raffle. Michele purchased raffle tickets that have 25 tickets plus a master ticket.

Chris Sennott asked Michele to reach out to Tom Considine.

A motion was made and seconded to sell raffle tickets for \$5.00 each, with a limit of 25 tickets. The motion passed 9-0-0

Asa Pollard Commemoration: The Billerica Minute Men and the 250th Committee will hold a commemoration at the Asa Pollard Memorial on June 14th at 11:00 am. With a Betsey Ross flag, a volley, and a short historical presentation. Dan Burns will reach out to the high school to see if they will sing for us.

The July 4th Cookout and Concert will be held on July 3rd, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Concert is at 7:00 pm. A craft table will be set up for the kids. The Recreation Department has donated bicycle helmets. The Police will hold a Bicycle Safety event before our cookout and concert. The hope is that those attending will stay for the concert.

Update from Working Groups

Historical Tours:

Chris Sennott requested that Secretary DeParasis reach out to Tom Considine about the Haunted Tours. Michele will report back at our next Meeting in June.

No other updates were available.

Fundraising and School Sub-Committees

Kelley Sardinia had requested pricing for t-shirts. We could order the t-shirts directly from the vendor. The graphics would be silk-screened. The cost would be \$3-4, as opposed to \$ 5.00 or more, and the quality would be better than that of a Cricut t-shirt. Chris will create 40-60 t-shirts to sell at the Craft Fair if the vendor is unable to complete them by Saturday.

The July 3rd event will feature a table where we will sell raffle tickets and other items for sale (t-shirts).

The Fundraising Committee will plan to meet early next week.

School Sub-Committee: Discussion about a coin drive at school. This would require more information and planning.

Store Front

Secretary DeParasis reported that she is attempting to schedule a meeting with Amit from the accounting department to create an account for non-profits that will allow patrons to place orders and pay directly, or make donations through the website. Treasurer Saunders is already meeting with Amit this week and will ask about the town setting up the account.

Vote on minutes from 4/30/25

Chair Sennott stated that he had not received the 4/30 minutes, so he moved the item to the next meeting. Kelley Sardinia indicated that she has not seen any of the minutes. Secretary DeParasis noted that all the minutes were presented at scheduled meetings and have been approved up to, but not including, the April 30 meeting. The accepted minutes have been forwarded to the Town Clerk. Secretary DeParasis will continue to forward the draft minutes to the chair for review and then send them directly to the members 48 hours before the vote for their approval.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The motion passed 9-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Evelyn Haines Conference Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted 6/9/2025

By Michele DeParasis

Secretary