

WALLINGFORD CELEBRATES AMERICA 250

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 830 a.m. Those in attendance were Bob Devaney, Bob Beaumont, Tara Knapp, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Shawn Keogh, Renee Miller, and Roz Gallagher

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Tara reported that we currently have \$41,000.00 pledged and is working with possibly 5 additional donors. Based on this she also suggested we consider adding some activities to our weekend schedule, i.e. Movie Night, Twilight Tunes, Balloon Rides, etc. Cost and location for these additional activities will be a determining factor.

Shawn reported that he has been working on Family Day which will be held on the campus of Choate Rosemary Hall. The number, variety, and placement of food trucks was discussed. Shawn will check with Alison Cady regarding Fire Marshall requirements.

A discussion took place as to what time the Ringing of the Bells will occur to open up the Semiquincentennial Year. Bob Beaumont suggested 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026

A brief discussion took place regarding insurance and liability concerns. Jerry will contact Kurt Treiber for an appointment for Roz, Renee, and himself to discuss these items.

Tara reported a small order has been made for Tee shirts to be sold at Celebrate Wallingford. The shirts will be available for purchase at the Wallingford Arts and Cultural Alliance Booth. An additional supply of Wallingford Celebrates America 250 shirts, hats, coffee mugs, wine glasses, etc. will be ordered for sale between now and our celebration weekend.

Jerry will make arrangements to do a podcast with a Revolutionary War theme. He will contact Alison Cady for student volunteers from Choate Rosemary Hall to different roles to project different voices during the podcast.

Bob Beaumont reported the Yalesville Fife and Drum Corp has been confirmed for the Parade. He is waiting to hear from the Landcraft Fie and Drum Corp.

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It was agreed representatives from the Committee should contact the Superintendent of Schools for collaboration with a possible essay contest and/or other curriculum inclusions that might be possible.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at Le Jardin.

Respectfully submitted:



Roz Gallagher