

Wallingford Celebrates America 250

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Special Meeting Minutes

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Roz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Liz Landow, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Bob Beaumont, Shawn Keogh, Tara Knapp, Alison Cady, and Roz Gallagher. One guest was also present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Roz then welcomed our guest Susan Huizenga from WPAA. Susan reviewed with the Committee that there are some inaccuracies that need attention on the marker at Moses Y. Beach School and at Mr Beach's gravesite. Bob Beaumont reported that the update for the marker at Moses Y. Beach School has been taken care of and the plaque would be attended to. The Committee suggested Susan contact the Historical Society and the Wallingford Cemetery Association.

Liz reported that plans for Porchfest and the Art Show are coming along nicely.

Jerry and Alison gave a detailed update on a preparing materials for a brochure, a Witnss Stone series podcast that the Choate students will be doing with Stephanie (the archivist at Choate). They will work with library staff and the Wallingford Historical Society. Everything would be available at the library ad infinitum. Jerry and Alison will also work on a timeline that highlights Wallingford's place in history during the birth of our country. Students will collorate with the town website manager to publish and promote the resource to Wallingford school age children through the local schools and library. Jerry distributed a copy of the Enslavement Walking Tour from the Town's 350 + 2 celebration prepared by the Wallingford Preservation TRust.

Shawn reported he has contacted the principal at Moses Y. Beach School (Robert Arciero) about using the drop off circle and lawn area along North Main Street for food trucks, picnic tables, etc. on Family Day.

A brief discussion took place regarding the ringing of the church bells at midnight December 31, 2025 to open the New Year in celebration of America's 250th. Roz offered to check with the Mayor for his input on the bell ringing.

The next meeting date was set for December 12 at 8:30 a.m. at Le Jardin.

Respectfully submitted:

Roz Gallagher