

Wallingford Celebrates America's 250th

Special Meeting March 3, 2026

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Those present were Alison Cady, Tara Knapp, Renee Miller, Shawn Keogh, Bob Beaumont, and Liz Landow.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Bob gave a financial update. To date we have deposited \$44,930.00 in sponsorships and sales. Expenses to date have been \$8204.07 leaving a balance of \$36,715.93. Tara has two or three additional contacts she is hoping will make a donation. Bob reported he is preparing a letter to the Mayor and Town Council to accept the funds received and to appropriate them to the Wallingford Celebrates America's 250th celebration.

Tara will prepare a Press Release and an article for the Wallingford Magazine. She will include the names of all Committee members.

Alison stated that Choate Rosemary Hall will relinquish and donate its space on the back cover of the May edition of the Wallingford Magazine in favor of Wallingford Celebrates America's 250th. The Committee thanked Alison and Choate Rosemary Hall.

Tara reported that a 4 fold flyer is being prepared for the mailing in the Wallingford Electric Division's bills in May and in the Wallingford Magazine. She is also working on book marks for distribution in the schools, restaurants, library, etc. Alison stated that Choate Rosemary Hall will print them for us at no cost. Tara suggested a coaster be made for restaurants, bars, etc to use when serving patrons June 1- 21, 2026.

Tara will be working with Kyle Schwartz to update the Face Book and website pages. This will include Parade applications and information along with information on all the events of the Celebration.

Roz reported that through the effort of Colin Benard and one of his contacts 100 lawn signs have been made at no cost to the Committee.

Bob reported Powder House Day will take place April 25, 2026 at beginning 10:00 a.m. He is seeking approval for use of the Parade Grounds that day.

Bob will work on preparation of the banner. It will hang across South Main Street beginning June 1, 2026.

Liz Davis and Shawn Keogh will coordinate the Garden Market being open its usual hours the morning of the Parade at Doolittle Park. We will need a volunteer to work at our table that morning Wallingford Celebrates America's 250th selling merchandise. It was agreed that payment will be taken by Venmo or cash.

A brief discussion took place regarding Porch Fest. Alison, Liz, and Roz will check out the route (Simpson Court to Christian Street) for porches to use. Liz and Roz spoke with Mark Vogt who is chairman of Porch Fest. To date he has 6 bands.

A brief discussion took place about giveaways for Family Day. Liz and Tara will be ordering some items to give to the children that day.

Roz will speak with Colin about flags along Center Street June 18-21, 2026.

Roz and Renee will speak with Bob Devaney about helping with the Parade, music, volunteers for lining up, music, Governor's Foot Guard, etc.

It was agreed we should have shirts made for all volunteers to wear June 18-21, 2026.

With no further business to discuss the next meeting date was set for March 16, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at Le Jardin.

Respectfully submitted:

Roz Gallagher