

Wallingford Celebrates America's 250th

Minutes

Meeting March 31, 2026

Le Jardin Restaurant
88 North Main Street
Wallingford, CT. 06492

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

In attendance were Renee Miller, Bob Beaumont, Tara Knapp, Bob Devaney, Liz Landow, Jerry Farrell, Jr. , Shawn Keogh, Tara Knapp, and Roz Gallagher

The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Bob Beaumont gave the financial report stating we currently had \$19,500.00 still available for expenses. This number will change as invoices come in for additional services, merchandise, and events.

Tara suggested we consider having a big screen set up on the Parade Grounds or similar and add a "Family Movie Night" . The movie would begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. and we would might be able to give out free popcorn. A decision was tabled until we see what our updated budget allows.

Tara reported she is working on the inclusions for the Wallingford Magazine which will include material for the cover, inside center fold, inside back cover (merchandise for sale), and an article.

Tara stated she is waiting for the barrel brochure to go to print because there is the possibility of two additional sponsorships which would have to be included if they come through.

A discussion took place regarding an outlet for merchandise payment. Venmo seemed to be the favored form.

A discussion took place about having a table set up at the Garden Market at Doolittle Park beginning May, 9, 2026 to sell our merchandise and distribute information.

Liz gave an update on the services Dundee Benson from WPLR suggested. The cost will be \$600.00 per month and will begin in May. The Committee agreed we should add this to our advertising.

Shawn gave an update on the lawn signs. Because there are so many two sided signs there will be an additional charge of \$250.00 to add the strip of updated sponsorships. Image 360 will also prepare our street banner.

Jerry will contact the Seventh Regiment again to see if they will be able to participate in the Parade.

It was agreed to have a meeting on the campus of Choate Rosemary Hall with the parties planning Family Day, i.e.: Bill Wright (security at CRH), John Rozz (Sound Spectrum), Rob Newton (YMCA), Shawn Keogh and/or Kenny Michaels (Parks and Recreation). Roz will set a date and time for this meeting.

Renee reported there are 22 businesses and organizations signed up for the Parade. She has invited Miss Connecticut and Miss Teen Wallingford to participate. We are going to need numerous volunteers that day to help form the Parade at Dutton Park.

A discussion took place regarding the restaurants having to apply for an alcohol permit for patrons to stay within an enclosed, established area if tables and chairs are set up on Simpson Court.

Tara offered to contact Kyle Schwartz about having a video for America's 250th.

Bob Devaney suggested contacting the Police Department to have a red, white, and blue stripe painted down North Main Street from Dutton park to prince Street.

Roz will contact Colin Benard about flags and bunting along the Center Street Cemetery wall.

With no further business to discuss the next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at Le Jardin.

Respectfully submitted:

Roz Gallagher