

*Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee was held in the Trustees Room of the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street, on January 12, 2023.*

Members Present: John Arena III, Di Clymer, Holly Cratsley, Henry Dane, Tish Hopkins, Rick Loughlin, Geoff Love, John Munro, Diane Proctor, Polly Reeve, Fred Ryan, David Wood.

Committee Members / Guests Present: Bill Barton, Simone Monteleone, Karlen Reed

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. – A quorum being present.

1. Administrative & Committee Updates

- a) Minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- b) The following sub-committee appointments were approved by unanimous vote:
  - i) Polly Meyer & Mardi Hutchinson (Community Participation)
  - ii) Jane Fisher (Arts, Literature and Music)
  - iii) Christa Collins (Permanent Memorial)
- c) Rick introduced Bill Barton to the committee. Bill is interesting in supporting the Concord250 effort as a potential candidate for the Finance committee.
- d) Di discussed the potential participation of Amanda Gorman, and the process to obtain and extend a suitable honorarium.
- e) Holly updated the committee that Court Booth has volunteered to be the point of contact for anything involving youth participation and the public school system.
- f) Diane will present the website and public calendar for review at the next meeting.

2) Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Finance (Rick)
  - i) An article for \$600,000 allocated for Concord250 celebrations will be presented at Town Meeting.
  - ii) Town Manager Kerry Lafleur authorized \$200,000 for committee use through fiscal 2023.
  - iii) There will be a review process to legitimize and prioritize expenditures as requests/needs arise.
  - iv) Henry and Rick are establishing a “working group” to discuss fundraising opportunities.
  - v) There is a need to pin down budget estimates for each subcommittee by the spring.
- b) Events (John)
  - i) Committee has met with NPS rangers and current PCCC members to collaborate on planning.
  - ii) A current focus is researching other community parades to expand invitation list and enhance entertainment value.
  - iii) Committee agreed to utilize the Armory for a kick-off event or ball (most likely the evening before the parade). Further collaboration with Geoff Love will take place.
  - iv) NPS will confirm if an Easter sunrise service at the Bridge is possible.
  - v) John will reach out to Paul O’Shaughnessy of the Lexington committee to coordinate between both town’s plans.
- c) Invitations & Hospitality (Tish)
  - i) The committee will engage their contacts to determine if President Obama can make an appearance in Concord for a bridge ceremony speech, or other event, as his schedule may permit. Simone will report this request to the Washington office of NPS.
  - ii) Lodging will need to be secured for invited guests, as well as shuttle bus transportation for the public.
- d) Permanent Memorial (Polly)
  - i) A visit took place at the area near Monument Square previously indicated as the potential site.
  - ii) Developing criteria & concepts include determining what could be placed at this site, or creating different memorials/projects around town (verses utilizing only one site).
  - iii) The memorial should recognize the full story of 1775.

3) Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7 pm in the Library Trustees’ Room.

4) Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
John Arena III

