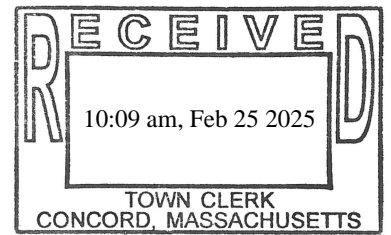


2025 Executive Committee
Hospitality and Invitation Subcommittee
January 13, 2025



PRESENT: Tish Hopkins, Chair; Molly Bergin, Michael Goodwin, Laurie Mullins, Anita Tekle

ABSENT: Rob Morrison and K.C. Winslow

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Schunemann, Discover Concord

Call Meeting to Order

Tish Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm in the Conference Room at 135 Keyes Road.

Review and Approve Minutes

On a **MOTION** made by Michael and seconded by Molly, the minutes of September 16, 2024 and November 14, 2024 were unanimously **APPROVED** as drafted.

Discussion of Swag Bags for VIP Guests

The group reviewed the RSVP list of respondents to date. The number is still fairly low. There are still a lot of unknowns – what will the VIPs be doing during the parade? Where will they be sitting to view the parade? What about other events during the day to which they will be invited?

Tish reported that there will be a drone show in Concord Center at 6:30 pm on Saturday. Free train service will run from the Concord Depot to/from the West Concord Depot. Roads will be closed starting Friday night (church services on Good Friday won't be able to be held). The Umbrella plans to close for the day on Saturday.

Suggestions for items to put into the Swag Bags:

- Small jam/jelly from Welch's
- Small Minuteman statue
- Thoreau Society Transcendental trading card
- Commemorative issue of Discover Concord (possibly too large for the bag? We could mail them in advance to the VIPs who are coming?) There will be a special edition "Discover the Battle Road" coming out in early March.
- History of pencil making in Concord, along with a special pencil
- Stickers – I came, I saw, I Concord
- Refillable water bottle
- Concord pin
- Blank notebook
- Cookie (Concord Teacakes)
- Concord collector's spoon
- Candy in mesh bag

Follow up assignments:

- Anita – look for nice water bottles (4Imprint)
- Laurie – look for stickers (Revolutionary Concord)
- Michael – pencil and journal
- Laurie – wrapped candy in mesh bag
- Tish – decorated cookie from Concord Tea Cakes; Welch's jelly or juice
- Tish – look for Minuteman lapel pins at the Town House (Select Board closet)

Miscellaneous

Molly and Laurie are organizing the Patriots' Ball, at the Armory on April 12. There will be 350 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Tables of 10 will be available.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Tekle
Clerk of the Subcommittee