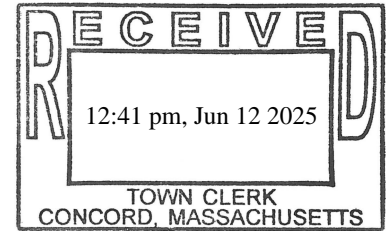


Concord 250 Event Planning Committee MINUTES
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 4:30pm -5:30PM In Person
Concord Main Library, Trustees Room



AGENDA Introductions and Welcome

1. Welcome, Introductions and Welcome Members

The group held welcome and intros

2. The Chair Reported /Reviewed Concord250 Program of Events and Activities and helped the Committee FOCUS Review. We discussed what is the focus of the EVENTS committee.

Concord 250 Event Planning

- Develop a comprehensive plan of events for celebrating and promoting the 250th anniversary and other historical events which includes reference to new historical research and the contributions of Indigenous and Black Concordians as well as all those who have come before but whose voices were not always heard, honored, or remembered.
- Create events around the progress we have made and continue to make to preserve, protect and expand the foundational principles of self-determination, equality, and liberty for all people
- Identify opportunities for individuals or organizations to participate in celebrations and events
- Ensure that activities represent a commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, and create opportunity at all levels and activities for citizen participation;

We Discussed :

EVENTS we need to be aware of/promote/discuss/execute as Concord250 Events :

Abundant Heresies: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Theodore Parker, and the Revolutions of Lexington and Concord. Historian. Richard Smith Winter TBD CFPL
250 Events

Concord Celebrates Black History Month February TBD Town House Staff Presentation

A Fight for Freedom: Honoring Patriots of Color
Special Event **March 15 2025** 3 to 5pm Umbrella
Funded by the \$25,000 MoTT Grant Concord 250

LMA and The Right to Vote
March 29 1pm at Town House Orchard House and Concord 250

Spies Among Us: Intelligence Gathering by the British Army and the Provincial Congress **3/22/2025** 9am to 4pm Wright Tavern NPS/Visitor's center

Concord Community Holi Celebration **4/5/2025 1pm**
Emerson Playground Town of Concord Rec and Indians of Concord Community Group

3rd Annual Ellen Garrison Day
April 13, 2025 PM at Tri Con Church , Robbins House and Concord 250

Documentary Premier with Talkback **4/12** Concord Secret History
8 to 10pm Umbrella Concord 250

Documentary Screening **4/14** Concord Secret History
2:30 to
4:30pm Umbrella Concord 250

Patriots Light: Concord 250 Drone Show
**4/19/2025 6:30-
9pm**
Monument
Square Concord 250

Patriots Light, Concord250 Drone Show Update. 4/19/25 RFP proceeding

Updates on A Fight for Freedom: Honoring Patriots of Color Grant Update

WIQH Coverage/MM Media discussed and welcomed

Concord 250 Grant of 25k for A Fight for Freedom: Honoring Patriots of Color /Program Components

- Opening Fight For Freedom Presentation with a live interactive discussion in Concord venue and available virtually **March 15 at Umbrella** and remotely.
- Program launch and activation of Weekly low cost/no cost walking tours of key sites related to the. **Tours will run each SAT at 130 from March 22 to June 28, 2025 FREE of charge**
- Fight For Freedom Program through the 2025-2026 celebration season
- Professional production and wide distribution Virtual Video Fight For Freedom Tour available online and at select venues
- Communications/ Other Items. Video will begin shooting as soon as snow melts

NEXT MEETING TBD as needed. We determined much activity will be devoted to executing these individual events leading up to April 19 and we may not need to meet before April 19 2025 . Next date TBD