



**2025 Executive Committee
Community Participation Subcommittee**
March 1, 2023

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Community Participation Subcommittee of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee was held in person on March 1, 2023 at the Town House at which time the following were present, being a quorum:

Court Booth, Holly Cratsley, Fabiana Dowd, Maynard Forbes, Christa Collins, Nancy McJennett, Carol Wilson, Joe Zellner, and Liza Bemis. Holly called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

Minutes from the February 1, 2023 meeting were accepted.

Christa Collins attended from the Permanent Memorial Subcommittee - she was asked to consider that the new CMS school have commemorative bleachers or other ideas from students/parents included inside or outside of the new building.

Christa came to discuss a living monument and HC asked her to contact Julia Farwell-Clay to discuss the planting of 250 trees to commemorate the celebration. Christa asked who would plan, plant, care and maintain the trees. It was suggested that she speak to the Mothers Club and the Garden Club.

Locations of areas for memorials were discussed including the corner of Thoreau and Walden street across from the high school. It was also suggested that the town of Concord buy the Wright Tavern. An example of the town of Newburyport was discussed where the town had a grant that allowed individual citizens to buy trees and plant them themselves.

Holly gave Christa the contact for the Sons of Liberty, Luis Berrizbeitian who is very interested in the 250 tree project.

CW- discussed that she would like to meet in person with the Scout House.

HC- would also like to tour the Masonic Lodge.

HC - informed committee that the 250 Logo has been approved and the master calendar for the semiquincentennial will be live this Friday, March 3, 2023.

The first calendar event organized by Joe Palumbo will be April 14, 2023 celebrating Ellen Garrison as a two part event. She was an African American born in the Robbins House. She became an educator, social justice advocate and was a daughter of Concord. Posted on the Facebook Concord250 site it explains,

“Stand Up for Ellen, presented by the Robbins House. Celebrating the 200 birthday of Concord’s native daughter, Ellen Garrison.

It will be a one-night living history celebration of the life of Ellen Garrison, which is to be the first official event of the historic multiyear [#concord250](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087144281613) commemoration of the American Revolution's Semiquincentennial!”

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Friday, April 14, 2023 6-8pm

Holy Family Church and Concord Townhouse

Free, Open to all and suitable for all ages.

LB- informed us that the Ag committee was asked to allow some expansion events and the committee would like to keep the focus on the farmers so Ag committee said no to expansion, but if folks wanted to do other events after Ag day closes (at 2pm) then that would be wonderful.

CB-informed us that students from the high school are not allowed to be a part of the community subcommittee because rules state members need to be 18 years old. The students have agreed that they can have a representative. They will name the person, likely a teacher, and let us know.

JZ- discussed that Hannah Bruno will work with the high school classes of 2024 and 2025 to submit a project for 2025.

HC- asked Court to ask the new building committee to consider installing a memorial at the new Concord Middle School in honor of the semiquincentennial. Court agreed to report back.

HC- asked Fabi to attend the Multicultural Festival at CCHS on March 15 in order to meet families of diversity and seek leadership/participation for the proposed future UN day discussed by the Community Subcommittee. Fabi agreed to report back.

FD- has contacted school sports parents, Andi Rice and Tove Doolittle, to request their involvement to organize events by Concord sports teams. Fabi to report back.

FD- also has received a request from Trinity Episcopal Church that David Weiss will be the contact person at the church for planning celebrations. He will provide info to members of the parish and ask for input from them regarding celebration ideas.

FD- has reached out to a friend that is a member of the Kerem Shalom temple to request the administrative staff contact Fabi by email/phone.

The Application Document was reviewed. It was suggested that a Mission Statement be included on the application. Court , Carol and Nancy agreed to meet on Friday to draft a Mission Statement for Committee edits which will be passed on to Executive Committee for their review.

Next meeting will be April 5, 2023 at 2pm.