



Concord 2025 Executive Committee
Events and Hospitality and Invitations Subcommittee
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7 pm
Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742

In-person Meeting

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee, Events and Hospitality and Invitations Subcommittee was held in the Clock Tower Room at the Harvey Wheeler Center on March 8, 2023.

Members Present: John Arena III and Tish Hopkins, Chairs, Michael Benn, Joe Palumbo, Secretary, Jay Powers, Diane Proctor, Rick Loughlin, Molly Bergin, Anita Tekle, Laura Mullins, Lincoln Green ex officio, NPS officials present were James Hollister and Jarrad Fuoss.

Meeting called to Order at 7:03 pm – A quorum being present.

1. Welcome and Introductions for combined committee meeting

2. Discussion of List of Attendees/Content for Parade

Reviewed and updated list of current invites for 2023 parade and used that to have discussion of way to increase invitations of key units for 2024 and 2025

Discussed criteria for inclusion and ways to encourage more schools and universities to participate

Reviewed responsibility for April 19 Bridge ceremony and invitation of featured speaker(s) and discussed concept of non-denominational sunrise service on April 20

Discussed scheduling of events overall and how to be respectful, inclusive and aware of religious holidays occurring during that period of time

Reviewed group desires for a broad mix of participants including floats as way to provide color, excitement and family/community engagement. Possible creation of themes to encourage participation and creativity.

Discussed the need for maintaining a safe and professional nature of the parade, reflective of the nature of the celebration while strengthening community focus and groups participation and creativity

Discussed the need for seamless communication and cooperation between Events, Hospitality and the Public Ceremonies Committee over the next three years

Group expressed desire to create events “anyone could go to” and the need to keep no cost or low cost to encourage community participation that is inclusive and welcoming of all residents and visitors

3. Discussion of Ideas for “Save the Date”

The group set a DEADLINE to have all “Save the Dates” sent out by September 5, 2023

4. Meeting Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
Minutes respectfully submitted,
Joe Palumbo

