



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 April 6, 2023.

Members Present: John Arena III, Gary Clayton, Di Clymer, Holly Cratsley, Henry Dane, Tish Hopkins, Susan McCrory, Robert Munro, Joseph Palumbo, Diane Proctor, Fred Ryan, David Wood.

Guests Present: Simone Monteleone (MMNHP Superintendent), Beth van Duzer

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 March 30, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- b) The following sub-committee appointments were approved by unanimous vote:
 - i) John Brady (Events)
- c) Sue McCrory delivered a presentation of PCCC updates for the upcoming Meriam's Corner and Patriots Day ceremonies.
- d) Concord250 has secured 700k in funding - 500k from ARPA, and 200k from the Commonwealth. Thus, the committee agreed to not move Article 25 at Town Meeting, and no presentation will take place. Henry clarified that ARPA funds need not be spent within one year, but rather, up to five years.
- e) John updated the committee on progress with Concord's faith leaders providing input on scheduling events mindful of religious holidays. Further input will be requested, as well as joining at one of their future meetings.
- f) Communications Subcommittee
 - i) Diane discussed the need for joint marketing and working groups to be in tandem with other communities (Lexington, Arlington, Lincoln).
 - ii) Concord250 custom t-shirts were distributed to committee members.
- g) Permanent Memorial Subcommittee - Gary provided an update on the focus of the upcoming hearing on April 10, building on the previous town wide public forum to focus strictly on the memorial.
- h) Joe presented the draft program and overview of the Stand Up for Ellen Garrison program on April 14.

2) New Business & Looking Ahead

- a) The committee reviewed an NPS events calendar, though it is in a confidential draft stage at present date.
- b) There was discussion that Lexington's parade is leaning toward Monday, April 21, 2025.
 - i) A joint committee meeting (targeting early/mid May) with Lexington and other area communities to uphold effective communication on mutual events and calendar.
- c) Battle Road is on the same day as Concord's parade in 2025. There is not significant participant overlap with Concord's event. The number of participating reenactors may need to be capped for safety reasons. There will be a need to identify transportation/shuttle resources, and the potential renting of large parking lots in the vicinity. Fred's Public Safety committee will be responsible for transportation.
- d) It is important to include historical anniversaries on the committee calendar, to assist in identifying future events.

3) Future meeting dates were set as April 20, May 4 and May 18 at 7 pm in the Library Trustees' Room.

4) Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
John Arena III