

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Permanent Monument Subcommittee of the Concord250 Executive Committee was held at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center on April 10, 2023.

All Members Present: Gary Clayton, Christa Collins, Nancy Koehn, Joe Palumbo, Polly Reeve, Tooyey Rogers

This was a Public Forum and it began at 7:00 PM on April 10, 2023

This Public Forum was designed to garner feedback from Concord citizens concerning the two existing proposals for the 250th Commemoration of the Town of Concord's involvement in the American Revolution.

The Concord250 Permanent Memorial Subcommittee presented a history of Concord's recognition of Concord's role in the American Revolution.

The Subcommittee then outlined the existing plans to commemorate Concord's role for the 250th anniversary.

The two initiatives under consideration are: 1) to plant 250 commemorative trees in Concord, and 2) to re-orient Parcel 1693 to commemorate the role of Concordians in the American Revolution.

The subcommittee held focus groups during the meeting to garner feedback from attending citizens of Concord on the concept of planting the trees and repurposing the plot known as "Parcel 1693"

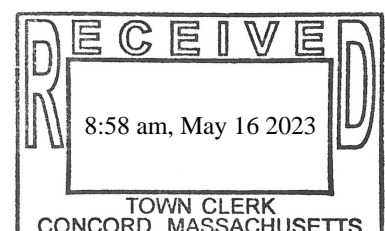
See attached appendices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Tooyey Rogers

Appendix 1

April 10 Public Forum to discuss Permanent Memorials for the 250th anniversary of Concord's involvement in the American Revolution.





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Concord 250 Permanent Memorial Community Update
April 10, 2023
7-8:30pm
Harvey Wheeler Community Center Auditorium

Meeting Objectives

Participants will:

- Gain an overview of the purpose and history behind the project
- Receive an update on the current state of the project
- Engage in conversation with others in order to provide feedback on the strengths as well as suggestions for the project moving ahead

Committee members will:

Listen to and incorporate public feedback as the memorial project(s) moves ahead

Welcome and Introductions (5 min)

How We Got Here (20 min)

Presenter provides a brief review of the goal and purpose of the work of the Concord 250 Permanent Memorial Committee and the history behind memorial efforts over the years.

Presenter discusses research the committee has done related to current practices of 21st-century public memorials and introduces the Beyond Granite video.

Where We Are Going (15 min)

Presenter reviews ways in which feedback from various public forums has been incorporated into the initial planning leading to the Proposed Projects and the essential criteria for evaluating them

Presenter reviews Proposed Projects

Tell Us What You Think (40 min)

Facilitator organizes small group (breakout group) conversations around the questions of what are the strengths of the projects proposed and what suggestions does each group have concerning them.

After small groups discussion, the facilitator organizes a collective group report out

What's Next (5 min)

The presenter explains the next steps with the feedback and with the project and explains how folks can stay engaged and informed.

Concord250 Memorial Subcommittee

Notes from listening session 4/10/23

1693 Parcel

- Gathering place
- Central location
- Loss of parking would be negative
- What about West Concord?
- Seduction of one more monument
- Big beautiful tree
- Precious parking
- Wandering educational walkway
- Acton Trail Through Time analogue
- Statement tree
- Make Concord center more pedestrian-friendly
- Possible site of indigenous settlement
- Link between library, center, Old Burying Ground... "Concord's Emerald Necklace"
- Holograms?
- Strategic location
- Gathering space that descends with the land
- Water memorial
- Outdoor performance center needed

Tree Planting

- Many locations
- 40 languages not represented by trees
- Native trees
- Choose species carefully
- Needs focus – rows in places of indigenous settlements
- Climate change
- Include West Concord
- Saplings
- Commemorative tree plantings