



Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Concord 250 Executive Committee was held in the Trustees Room of the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street, on April 27, 2023

Members Present: Gary Clayton, Di Clymer, Holly Cratsley, Henry Dane, Rick Loughlin, Rob Munro, Joe Palumbo, Diane Proctor, Fred Ryan, David Wood

Also present: John Hickling; Simone Monteleone

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, a quorum being present

1. Mr. Wood appointed clerk pro-tem in the absence of Mr. Arena
2. Minutes from the April 6 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.
3. The appointment of Kurt N. Schwartz, 52 Hubbard St, Concord, to the Public Safety Subcommittee was approved by unanimous vote.
4. Mr. Dane added the caution that as the subcommittees continue to grow the potential for conflicts of interest will tend to increase. Guidelines for avoiding this are available from the State Ethics Committee.
5. Mr. Dane reported that at the Sunday town meeting Article 25 would not be moved. Handouts concerning Concord250 will be distributed and four volunteers will be outside with banners.
6. Ms. Proctor offered to investigate a proposed letter-writing campaign to the Concord Bridge.
7. John Hickling reported on the subject of souvenir coins. Production cost may be in the range of three to four dollars per unit for an edition of 10,000. Mr. Hickling will contact vendors and report to the committee in June.
8. Ms. McCrory, chair of the Public Ceremonies committee, reported that this year's parade was a success in development. There was some breakdown in the line of march on the return from the North Bridge. An earlier start for applications is proposed with the aim of increasing participation. Applications will be available online; the town apparently already has the software to accomplish this. Ms. McCrory expressed the perceived need for a professional to manage the parade in 2025.

9. Dr. Munro reported that there will be a joint meeting of the 2025 committees from Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Bedford and Arlington in the Goodwin Forum on June 1.

10. Ms. Cratsley is working on a draft participation form for the parade.

11. Mr. Loughlin was not sanguinary on the possibility of state funding. A proposed remedy is to file amendments with both the House and Senate next year.

12. Ms. Monteleone reported that the Park will produce an after-action report on the parade in May.

13. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 11 at 7:00 pm in the Trustees Room of the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Minutes respectfully submitted, David Wood