

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 May 11, 2023.

Members Present: Rick Loughlin, Di Clymer, Henry Dane, Tish Hopkins, Diane Proctor, David Wood, Gary Clayton, Phil Swaim, Holly Cratsley and Joe Palumbo (for John Arena)

Also Present: Simone Monteleone, MMNHP and Sarah MacConduibh, Middlesex Fife and Drums

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. – A quorum being present.

Administrative & Committee Updates:

John Hickling dropped off copies of a proof for a coin but did not stay for the meeting and Sarah reported that she is working on a parade management plan ‘better not bigger.’

1. The minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting were approved as amended by unanimous vote.
2. The joint town meeting will include Lexington and Lincoln and possibly Arlington committees as well as public safety and national parks representatives. The date will be finalized this week.
3. Joe reported being contacted by Elise Lemire who would like to hold an event involving the Vietnam Veteran’s who held an antiwar protest in Concord and Lexington in 1971. David will contact her to get more information.
4. Henry’s new role as Chair of the select board may take up more of his time so Gary Clayton will be filling in as necessary for this committee.
5. Henry would like our participation in 4 upcoming events the Democracy Fair will need volunteers to staff a table and hand out postcards and buttons, Memorial Day as attendees on the reviewing stand, Volunteer Appreciation Day as attendees and Picnic in Park to again staff a table.
6. Gary and Christa Collins are working with CPW and other town entities to determine possible locations for 250 trees to be planted. Parcel 1693 is being looked at for a memorial with the purpose of celebrating those who have played an important role but were not fully recognized. Some ideas include newly discovered Revolutionary soldiers who died during the war, female abolitionists, or Indigenous people.
7. No discussion
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9. Holly reported Wade Rubinstein is organizing a biker’s ride to freedom from Charlestown to Concord date TBD Court booth will include the wheelmen and there may be a regatta on the river possibly at night by candlelight. David Wood reported the Concord Rod and Gun Club have offered their field for a bivouac for reenactors.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hopkins, Assistant Secretary

