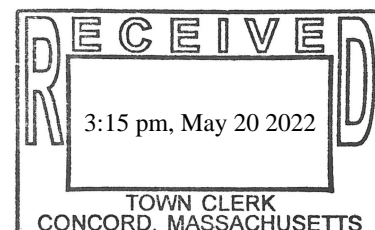


Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee was held in the Trustees Room of the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street, on May 12, 2022.

Members Present: John Arena III, Gary Clayton, Di Clymer, Henry Dane, Richard Loughlin, David Wood
Guests Present: Kaari Tari (Town Clerk)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. – A quorum being present.

1. Administrative
 - a) Kaari Taari swore in the newest members.
 - b) John Arena III was appointed to serve as Secretary in a unanimous vote.
 - c) John will look into the creation of a town committee e-mail for central communication and organization.
 - d) Committee discussed importance of weekly meetings thru July
- 2) Membership
 - a) Committee will continue to work on the need to recruit 9-12 total members on the Executive Committee, and organize several new members to make up various subcommittees. Important to ensure we honor the charge and background of each new executive member to fill different backgrounds and areas of expertise.
 - b) Committee discussed several prospect members, many of whom have completed volunteer cards.
 - i. Di will consult with Nancy Nelson and Diane Proctor
 - ii. Gary will reach out to Polly Reeve
 - iii. John will connect with Fred Ryan
 - iv. Subcommittee discussion – Rick proposed the following committees to be formed; other members concurred on a preliminary basis: Athletics, Decorations, Finance/Fundraising, Hospitality, Invitations, Parade, Permanent Memorial, Publicity/Social Media, and a Formal “Ball” committee as needed when planning continues (Armory has expressed interest in hosting an event again).
 - c) Gary presented the idea of involving the younger generation, particularly those attending CCHS, to participate in a youth advisory role. Committee agreed this was an effective way of involving and engaging younger Concordians in the celebrations.
 - d) Henry mentioned Col. Frank Magurn, a native Concordian, as a candidate to serve as a liaison for military involvement.
- 3) Looking Ahead
 - a) Committee discussed budget related issues. Henry confirmed that there are presently no Town funds appropriated for this specific event. A brief discussion followed regarding the need for budget proposals that may be presented at future town meetings. In addition, there may be opportunities for fundraising and sale of commemorative merchandize. We will also need to assess if there are town-restricted funds available to support celebration/commemorative events. Need to further evaluate the pros and cons of forming a non-profit organization to manage the receipt and distribution of non-public funds.
 - b) April 19, 2025 is a Saturday – the parade should occur on this date in keeping with historical significance
 - c) Need for proper contacts to engage the presence and participation of elected officials (local, state, federal)
 - d) Di presented several ideas and thoughts for potential events
 - i) What would we fight for today? How can Concord save our country again?
 - ii) Conferring with Maria Madison and The Robbins House on participation
 - iii) Reading of Diaries from Colonists & British soldiers (recounts)
 - iv) Showing of Hamilton movie (Concord Players?)
 - v) Historical role of George Clymer, Treasurer of the Continental Congress and Patriot
 - vi) Story Walk with pages about those who fought
 - vii) Hosting a colonial meal
 - viii) Series of lectures
 - ix) A program similar to Vox Concordia (voices of Concord for story-telling)
- 4) Next Meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7 pm in Trustees Room of Library
 - a) Updates on recruitment and organizational structure
 - b) Timeline for next 60 days of achieving certain goals
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm



Minutes respectfully submitted,
John Arena III