



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 June 15, 2023.

Members Present: Rick Loughlin, Di Clymer, Henry Dane, Tish Hopkins, Holly Cratsley, Gary Clayton, Sue McCrory, Rob Munro, Joe Palumbo (for John Arena), Beth Van Duzer (for David Wood),
Also Present: Simone Monteleone, MMNHP and John Hickling

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

Administrative & Committee Updates:

1. The minutes of the May 18 and June 1, 2023 meetings were approved by unanimous vote.
2. Feedback from the intermunicipal meeting was positive. Good connections were made highlighting the united planning efforts differing from the separate efforts made in 1975. This should be a priority as well when seeking state funding next year. A lot of thought is going into what we want the visitor to feel. Awaiting word as to the timing of the Lexington parade. They are considering a later time of 3:00 which would accommodate the reenactors from Battle Road as well as those travelling between towns. John Hickling will talk with Carl Sweeney to coordinate unity within the Minute Companies. Simone reports that Battle Road is typically over at 2:00 and then participants are bussed to Lexington. MMNHP is capping their participants at 600 so any other units may be available for the parades. Beth stated Paul O'Shaughnessy would be a contact for the British units.

3. Sue reported 2 PCCC developments: the theme:

RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR LIBERTY ON APRIL 19, 1775; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY; AND THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE DURING THE LAST TWO AND-A-HALF CENTURIES TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ADVANCE THE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION, INDIVIDUAL WORTH, PATRIOTISM AND LIBERTY FOR ALL

and a new data input form for participants. Sue and Rob attended the last interfaith meeting to assure we are honoring all high holidays as much as possible and to express the desire to provide ecumenical prayer at events that are received well by all.

4. All subcommittees should fill out the goals form by the end of June. Gary reports 3 goals for a memorial: celebrating the struggle for social justice, likely a memorial on Monument Square, sustainable Concord, a tree planting initiative, and honoring those who served by locating unmarked graves, recognizing those who had not been known and organizing records in the Archives.
5. The Van Duzer calendar should be used when planning any events allowing us to celebrate even small milestones.

6. There will be a need for staffing a table on July 4th and we will need to have items to giveaway/sell. Di will contact Diane about possible T shirts. Beth and Henry volunteered to staff the table for a portion of the day more volunteers are needed.
7. Henry met a former Concord postmaster who may be a resource for stamps and/ or postmarks. Holly will be speaking at Newbury Court to update residents on our plans, Gary will join her to discuss the permanent memorial. Henry thanked the committee for their efforts to maintain in person meetings.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hopkins, Assistant Secretary