



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 July 28, 2022.

Members Present: Gary Clayton, Di Clymer, Holly Cratsley, Henry Dane, Tish Hopkins, Richard Loughlin, Diane Proctor, Polly Reeve, Fred Ryan, and David Wood.

Members not Present: John Arena III Guests Present: Simone Monteleone (Superintendent of Minute Man National Historical Park)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 – A quorum being present.

1. Administrative

- a) Holly Cratsley was appointed Acting Secretary for the Meeting.
- b) Minutes of the July 14, 2022, Meeting were approved.
- c) New members of Subcommittees were identified, including Lisa Evans, Abby Myette, Joseph Palumbo, Phil Swain. Robert Hallinan, and Julia Farwell-Clay.
- d) Holly Cratsley requested a change in the name of her subcommittee from Outreach and Coordination to Community Participation.
- e) Henry Dane recommended that we have a meeting of all Subcommittee members in September, prior to a Public Hearing to be held in September or October, 2022.

2. Subcommittee Discussion .

- a) Finance - Rick Loughlin reported that he has received some budget numbers. The Special Town Meeting has been postponed, so there is time to continue to submit estimates of future financial needs.
- b) Communications/Publications – Diane Proctor held a subcommittee meeting on July 18, 2022. They will develop and maintain a calendar of events that can be linked to the Town Website. Henry has reserved the internet names of Concord 250.net, Concord 250.org, and Concord 250.com. Diane will prepare a press release to the Concord Journal about the formation of the Executive Committee.
- c) Arts, Literature and Music – Di Clymer’s subcommittee met on July 20. The members wanted to know if there was a theme for the 250th. The Concord Band has a previously commissioned piece, North Bridge Portrait, that they would like to present during the celebration. They will meet again on September 21.
- d) Permanent Memorial – Gary Clayton is working on several options. The historians agree that it would be impossible to compile a truly accurate list of those who participated on April 19, 1775 as there is not sufficient documentation. Gary is exploring options for sharing the stories of Concord women, African American and Indigenous peoples to shed light on their contributions. A parcel of land in Concord Center is also under discussion, possibly with a town forum to consider the best use of the parcel, and a design competition to develop the land.

- e) History and Education – David Wood held a committee meeting on July 23, 2022. They established as their goal to Transform the Teaching of the American Revolution. 50 years of research have occurred since the last celebration. Curriculum coordinators are already working on the project.

3. Looking Ahead

- a) It was moved and voted to invited Robert Munro, Dean of Academic Program and Equity at Concord Academy, to join the Executive Committee.
- b) Simone Monteleone reported that the Minuteman National Park will begin their 250th anniversary events in January 2024.
- c) The next regular meeting of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee will be held on August 11, 2022.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Holly B. Cratsley