



**Concord 2025 Executive Committee  
Events Subcommittee**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7 pm  
Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742

**In-person Meeting**

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee, Events Subcommittee was held in the Clock Tower Room at the Harvey Wheeler Center on September 14, 2022.

Members Present: Abby Myette, Michael Benn, Joe Palumbo, Secretary, John Arena III Chair

Meeting called to Order at 7:05 pm – A quorum being present.

1. Introduction: John Arena welcomed the subcommittee and he had members introduce themselves.
2. The group appointed Joe Palumbo as Secretary
3. John Arena provided an Overview of Concord 2025 Executive Committee's charge and the subsequent role of the Events Subcommittee (excerpted below)

Concord 2025 Executive Committee shall:

- 1. develop a comprehensive plan for celebrating and promoting the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Concord and other historical events leading to the founding of our Country which includes reference to new historical research and the contributions of native and black Concordians in that history;*
- 2. identify funding needs and a plan for both Town and private funding (which would require a 501(c)3 entity);*
- 3. develop a plan for a permanent memorial and recommend its placement;*
- 4. appoint subcommittees, where necessary, to carry out specific tasks and in so doing may appoint members of the Executive Committee and/or other residents of the Town;*
- 5. identify opportunities for individuals or organizations to participate in celebrations of the anniversary;*
- 6. ensure that activities represent a commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, and create opportunity at all levels and activities for citizen participation;*
- 7. hold public hearings from time to time in order to gain input from the residents of Concord, including at least three in the first eighteen months of the committee's formation;*

4. The group discussed the specific role of the Events Subcommittee in support of these overarching goals for Concord 2025. The Events subcommittee will focus on:

- Development of a comprehensive plan of 2025 events and celebrations.
- Maintain effective communication with other subcommittees and local organizations who will be involved in or are planning events.

The group then participated in general open discussion about types of events/celebrations and characteristics of events/ celebrations

### Types

April 19 Parade

Ceremony at Old North Bridge

Public events such as concerts, fireworks

Ceremony at Dedication of 250<sup>th</sup> permanent memorial

Lectures, roundtables, discussion

Community service

Special performing arts events

Public speaking contest

Others?..(ideas encouraged for next meeting)

### Characteristics

Quality versus quantity

Collaboration and coordination with other towns and organizations

Connection to past celebrations and honoring traditions as appropriate

Engaging to all citizens with a special focus on youth and young adults

Reflective of the Executive Committee's charge to ensure that activities represent a commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, and create opportunity at all levels and activities for citizen participation

### 5.Decisions/To Dos/Next Steps

The Chair charged the subcommittee to keep brainstorming ideas for events, celebrations and parade units/themes and bring these to the next meeting.

The group inquired about getting a member of the Concord Minutemen involved in this subcommittee and Joe Palumbo was asked to follow up with Nelson (Jay) Powers of Concord to see if he was able to join the group.

The chair reminded members to attend a meeting on **SUN OCT 16 2:30-5pm** at the Concord Museum as an important Concord 2025 Kickoff Event for all subcommittee members

The next meeting was scheduled for

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7pm**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Joe Palumbo

**Approved Dec 14, 2022**