



TOWN OF OLD LYME

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AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE

Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting
August 25, 2025 @ 5:30pm
Memorial Town Hall Meeting Room

- Call to Order and Welcome
 - The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.
 - In attendance: Acting Chairperson Cheryl Poirier, Allison Lang, Jim Lampos, Secretary Christine MacGregor, Michaelle Pearson, Mark Terwilliger
- Approval of June 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Christine MacGregor, Second by Michaelle Pearson
 - 5 in favor (Poirier, Lang, MacGregor, Pearson, Terwilliger), 1 abstained (Lampos)
- Public Comment
 - K. Balocca shared her interest in a photo contest as part of the A250 activities.
- State and Regional Efforts
 - Discussed State's concerns about national funding and efforts
 - State is planning an A250 tourism trail promoted on CTVisit.com
 - July 4 - National Bell Ringing at 2pm local time (13 times for 13 colonies)
 - July 5 - National Pot Luck
 - Can this tie into our townwide picnic?
 - July 8 - Public reading of Declaration of Independence
 - Regional historical society archivists are continuing plans for a passport activity.
- America 250 – Old Lyme branding and promotion
 - Discussed several potential town logos. The committee decided to go with #3 as it incorporates the Town Seal which would need to be included on any official documentation as well.
 - Vote to approve #3 (designed by Allison Lang)
 - Motion by Michaelle, seconded by Jim Lampos
 - 5 in favor (Poirier, Lampos, Pearson, Lang, MacGregor), 1 opposed (Terwilliger)
 - Thank you to Edie Twining for her submitted design options.



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- Education/Region 18
 - State webinar on curriculum opportunities July 18
 - Dialogue initiated with R18 Director of Curriculum. Seeking information on any A250 curriculum being adopted by grade level teachers.
- Projects Timeline Discussion
 - Discussed possible blog posts and lectures
 - Old Lyme Proclamation
 - Cheryl will discuss with Board of Selectmen the proclamation template provided by the State.
 - Possible Boards and Commissions Day (November)
 - To recruit resident involvement in town government and promote civic engagement
 - Cross promote America 250 with other committees and commissions in town?
 - Exhibitions
 - Bicentennial quilt: Where will it be displayed during the anniversary? Cheryl to follow up with FloGris.
 - FloGris has a lot of artifacts from the time period that can possibly be displayed
 - Photo Contest
 - Announce in January
 - Should develop categories and identify judges
 - Tree Planting
 - White oaks per State initiative
 - Possible tie in with Open Space or Tree Commission
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Tie-in to D. Kelsey's interest in memorial plaque for RW veterans
 - Nancy Gladwell – possible youth artwork
 - Townwide Picnic (run by a separate sub-committee)
 - Possible Souvenir book
 - Discussion of what form it should take?
 - Actual book, pamphlet, downloadable from website
- New and Other Business: There was no additional business to discuss.



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- Adjournment
 - Motion by Mark Terwilliger, second by Michaelle Pearson. Six in favor.
 - Adjourned at 6:51pm