



# 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