



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
America250 Coordinating Committee**

**Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00pm
Scitico Room, Enfield Town Hall**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Cindy Kinney.
Kelly Davis, Ian Graves, Shannon Esslinger, Emily Clifford (left at 6:35), Cindy Kinney,
Alex Raniello, Maya Matthews (6:15)
Aaron Marcavitch – Staff
Delia Hickey – Enfield Historical Society
2. Approval of Minutes – No minutes to review, December will need to be approved at next meeting.
3. State 250 Updates (If Any) – None at this time.
4. Education – Aaron Marcavitch brought the group up to speed regarding the development of the Traveling Exhibit and how it might be staged. He also called out the need to push the Essay Contest to try to have a few more submissions. Cindy Kinney updated the group on the First Reader program and stickers for their books.
5. Marketing – Aaron Marcavitch discussed how Facebook and social media will work. He discussed sending materials to him so that he could post things. He also discussed where to post flyers and print materials. Finally, he brought the group up to speed on how items were posted to the state website.
6. Event Development
 - a. Thomas Abbey Event – April 2026 – Aaron Marcavitch and Kelly Davis discussed the development of the “spade turning” program and chose April 9 at 10am at the monument to have the program. The second program to dedicate the monument will occur in the fall after the work is done.
 - b. Jonathan Edwards monument dedication – Aaron Marcavitch told the group about the April 25 event to re-dedicate the Jonathan Edwards Monument. DAR is leading this program.
 - c. July 4th Celebration – July 10-14, 2026 – Aaron Marcavitch discussed the July 4th programming and how the special tent will work. He has invited several groups, including Old Sturbridge Village.
 - d. November Veterans program, November 2026 – Aaron Marcavitch discussed the outreach to the Purple Heart Museum for an event in November. At this time, he had not received any response.
 - e. Other events – The committee discussed other programs. Emily Clifford noted that the last jazz concert will be at Crandall in June. Alex Raniello suggested the Art Squash, Jack o’ Lantern program, and the St. Martha’s Townwide Craft Show.

7. Swag Development – Aaron Marcavitch brought forward the status for the “Bonfire” shop online and that it is connected to the Committee website. He asked for ideas on additional items. Maya Matthews discussed a different design for the back of the shirt and possibly seeing alternates. Aaron Marcavitch also noted that nametags will be provided at the next meeting.
8. Other Business – Shannon Esslinger reported that she will be taking on the president’s role at the Historical Society. She brought the group up to speed on the changes for that organization.
9. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Alex Raniello, seconded by Kelly Davis. All in favor. Adjourn at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Marcavitch, Staff for committee