



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
America250 Coordinating Committee

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 7:00 pm
Scitico Room, Enfield Town Hall

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Cindy Kinney.
Roll call – Shannon Esslinger, Kelly Davis, Councilor Cindy Mangini (left at 7:50pm), Brandon Jewell, Alex Ranniello, Cindy Kinney, Emily Clifford (arrived at 7:37pm), Aaron Marcavitch (Director of Economic & Community Development/Staff to Committee), Kristy Koistinen (Community Development Specialist/Town Staff).
2. Approval of Minutes – Voted on at 7:49pm, motion was made by Kelly Davis, seconded by Emily Clifford to approve the December 18, 2025, and February 26, 2026, minutes. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.
3. State America 250 Updates – Aaron Marcavitch advised the State Commission has limited funding to plan events. There will be a parade on July 4th in Hartford at the State Capitol where they would like representation from each town/city in Connecticut with their flag in the parade.

Aaron Marcavitch reviewed how the America's 250th event listings are being moved by the State Commission onto ctvisit.com for additional visibility. Staff can add new events but will have to have the State Commission to make edits to the events they add.

4. Education
 - a. Traveling exhibit schedule – Aaron Marcavitch reviewed the calendar where the banner exhibit will travel throughout town over the next few months. The buildings include Fermi/Annex, the libraries, Senior Center and different schools available for kids to view.
 - b. Exhibit into a booklet – Aaron Marcavitch advised that a resident from East Windsor was in the Town Hall and requested a copy of the exhibit banners. He had created a PDF that can be shared. He will continue to work on this and find out the costs for printing.
 - c. First Readers – Cindy Kinney provided a summary of the recent first readers event that went very well. The books that were provided to the students were a great America's 250th addition to the event. The next event will take place June 1 at Enfield High School. There was a discussion regarding a reading challenge

with the schools that is sponsored by the Elks Club.

- d. Essay Contests Ends – Aaron reminded the Committee that the essay contests close on March 3rd. So far, there have been two submissions received.
5. Marketing
 - a. Facebook/Social media – The Committee confirmed they will continue to add more items to their Facebook page when events are scheduled.
 - b. Flyers, print placement – Aaron Marcavitch mentioned there were two recent Reminder Newspaper and Patch articles issued recently that the Committee should look at.
6. Event Development
 - a. Thomas Abbey Event – Aaron Marcavitch confirmed this event will take place on Thursday, April 9 at 10am. Shannon recommended that attendees could go to the Old Town Hall after the event to visit the museum.
 - b. Jonathan Edwards monument dedication – Aaron Marcavitch confirmed this event will take place Saturday, April 25 at 11am. The event should take about 45 minutes.
 - c. July 4th Celebration
 - i. A250 Tent status (participants, activities) – Brandon Jewell confirmed the 4th of July Committee has a tent prepared for the America's 250th activities.
 - d. November Veterans program
 - i. Outreach to Purple Heart Museum – Aaron Marcavitch advised that the Veteran Banner's Ceremony has grown into numerous entertainment features. This event will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30pm at the Bandshell behind the Town Hall.
 - e. Other events – Emily Clifford brought up an idea for the Committee to approach Cox Communication for potential public access tv time. Councilor Mangini advised that she has scheduled time at the end of April booked and invited a member of the Committee to join her to discuss their efforts and upcoming events. Alex volunteered to attend.
7. Swag Development – Aaron Marcavitch confirmed final shirt sizes for members and will be completing the order.
8. Other Business – None
9. Adjourn – A motion was made by Emily Clifford, seconded by Kelly Davis to adjourn at 8:09pm. The motion was approved 6-0-0.