



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
America250 Coordinating Committee**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026, 6:00pm
Scitico Room, Enfield Town Hall**

1. Call to Order – Shannon Esslinger, Lori Unghire, Brandon Jewell, Alex Raniello, Emily Clifford, Cindy Kinney
Aaron Marcavitch

Call to order at 6:08pm

2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of April made by Brandon Jewell, Seconded by Emily Clifford. All in favor.
3. Education – Emily Clifford led a discussion of the submissions for the essay contest and worked the group through a rubric process. The final rubric showed 20 points for McKenna, 17.5 points for Hannah, and 10 points for Samantha. The group came to a consensus that they would award \$250 to McKenna, \$150 for Hannah, and \$100 to Samantha. They also asked if t-shirts be ordered for them and stickers provided. There was an agreement that the T-shirts and stickers would be part of a council event on June 1 while the money would be provided at an in-school visit. Aaron Marcavitch is to email the parents for sizes and to get permission for pictures.

Cindy Kinney reminded the group that she would need the pop-up exhibit for the First Readers program. This led to a brief discussion about the exhibit and its showing at the recent Chorus Concert.

4. Marketing – Aaron Marcavitch started the discussion with a focus on the budget. The group reviewed the budget and discussed options. The group encouraged Aaron to explore a drum squeezezy and asked about a silicone bracelet. Emily Clifford asked about holding special social media programming to award swag. Cindy Kinney asked about requesting brochures from around the state/country for events.

The group came to a consensus to use the budget as a guide moving forward.

5. Event Development
 - a. Veterans Banners Dedication, May 19 – There was a brief discussion of the upcoming event and encouragement to attend. A suggestion was made to include the pole number on each library page. The group was very enthusiastic about the banners.
 - b. July 4th Celebration – July 10-12, 2026 (Tent Participants) – There was clarification on the size of the tent and discussion of if there should be walls. The group agreed

that there should be walls on three sides.

- c. State Recommitment Event, July 4; America 250 Zone – The group discussed who might attend the July 4 event in Hartford. Cindy and Alex agreed to attend. There was no interest in attending the America 250 Zone.
 - d. Declaration of Independence Reading, July 8 – There was a discussion of the Enfield Historical Society holding an event on the front steps of Old Town Hall for a reading of the Declaration on July 8 at 6pm.
- 6. Other Materials – After a brief discussion about time capsules and trees, the group preferred the tree and plaque option but agreed to hold off on discussion further for the moment. This would likely be a request to council for funding in FY27.
 - 7. Other Business – Emily Clifford requested candy for the Memorial Day event. Cindy Kinny requested a copy of the logo to make parade materials.
 - 8. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 7:37pm made by Brandon Jewell. Seconded by Emily Clifford. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Aaron Marcavitch