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Town of Durham
America 250 Committee

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1, Community Center, and Remote via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Recording
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Call to order and roll call; Chair Sarah Atwell called the America 250 Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 21, 2025, to order at 6:32 p.m. Also present: Brendan Rea Jr., First Selectman Rea, Chris Balay, Bob Booz, Carolyn Havrda, Frances Augur and Norm Hicks.

Motion by Chris Balay to approve the agenda as presented. vote: all aye.

Motion by Bob Booz seconder unclear to approve the September 16th minutes as presented. vote: all aye.

Norm Hicks was welcomed as new member representative of the Durham Fair.

Bob Booz talked about a work plan for a scavenger hunt. Discussed the target market, location, logistics, date. Sarah Atwell suggested further discussion at the next meeting.

Sarah Atwell brought up fundraising options. First Selectman Rae spoke about ceramic pins. Cost estimated at \$2.50. Chris Balay Moved to order 200 pins at \$2.50/ea. Bob Booz seconded. Vote: all aye. Discussion on selling price. Decided to sell it for \$10.

Leah Gastler has created a Facebook page and will create an Instagram. Chris Balay will work on creating a fundraising page on the website including the QR codes. Discussed locations for sale of the pins. Local businesses and town offices. Including dates for upcoming events for social media and website will help with fundraising.

Discussed the upcoming display case in January at the Library. Looking for some UV protection to prevent sun damage.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence reading was set for July 8th, the day that it was originally read in 1776.

Investigating showing the Ken Burn Documentary. Other upcoming event schedule discussed.

We will have a table at the Trunk n Treat. Details discussed.

Leah Gastler will attend the CFEF grant award on our behalf.

Looking at planting a memorial tree in concert with the Durham Garden Club.

Committee broke out to Picnic and Encampment subcommittees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Balay