



Ad-Hoc Semi-Quincentennial & Tri-Centennial Committee

**May 22, 2025**

City Wide Community Center

Program Room 3

14 Canterbury Road

Concord, NH

3:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

PRESENT:

- Jennifer Kretovic, Chair
- Jim Milliken
- Donna Robie
- Rik Yeames
- Byron Champlin, Mayor (arrived at 4:05PM)
- Brent Todd, Council Representative
- Cindy Foote
- Tim Sink

ABSENT:

- Steve Leone
- Jessica Martin
- Amanda Grady Sexton, Council
- Kris Schultz, Council Representative
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Guest – Thomas Graham, NH National Guard

Historian with the National Guard potential for reenactments. Interested in gathering data and hearing more about what we all contribute into these celebration efforts.

If there are reenactments, there is usually just auditorium size discussions around various National Guard involvement. Has also gone to Old Home Days – Civil War Re-enactors also.

Most organizations pay for the reenactors and participate in parades, events, etc. though there is likely a fee for these types of participants.

Councilor Todd asked if there are videos available for people to see? Tom noted he has personal photos, but not published.

Rik Yeames asked if there would be other entities in the state, the guard, feds that Tom could connect us too? Donna responded with two groups that may be willing to come to Concord.

Tom did not believe the National Guard had the ability to donate time and space.

Rik Yeames envisions a 4- or 5-day weekend event.

Ashley Miller with the State of NH Archive has shared that the State House will be open

and have displays on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026. Alongside this is the Concord Farmer's Market, can there be a large parade in the morning? Who would lead this effort? Fireworks in Concord - Could these be a co-event with the State of NH and held on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the fireworks. Hoping Concord could be the site of the State Parade. Ashley Miller offered to help coordinate this effort with other communities. This would need to be supported by both committees.

Councilor Todd provided a history of the Concord 250 efforts and the non-profit organization that was formed to take up these events and fundraising.

- ~ One committee focused on the Time Capsule
- ~ The parade committee had little volunteer sign up, until Bridget Overson organized the parade. Permitting, staging, etc.
- ~ NH Speedway is planning a Holler Parade – they may be a good resource for helping organize the parade. Donna provided a list of bands that march through the summer months.
- ~ Food vendors for the Fourth of July celebration
- ~ Does it make sense to do Picnics in the Park? It may be too scattered. Councilor Todd shared that these are a series of different events that are a build up to the fourth of July.
- ~ Councilor Todd expressed how the Concord 250 group worked with other organizations.
- ~ Ken Burns to show his American Revolution Film here in Concord as an event. (May be rolled out in November – the launch of his movie)
- ~ City Banner at Centre Street and by St. John's Church. Councilor Todd talked about the banner process for downtown. The cost for the banner and creation of the banner are cost consideration. (Cindy will reach out to Jess Martin to get logistics on the banner)
- ~ How do we incorporate the schools with perhaps an Essay Contest. Win a \$1,000 scholarship for a History Display / Civic Display. The schools are waiting for us to put together a curriculum for them.

1. Call to Order by Councilor Kretovic, Committee Chair. At 4:15, once a quorum was met. Roll Call was taken at this time. Tim Sink made a motion to approve the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. It was a duly second and passed unanimously.
2. Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Foote and was duly seconded. None were opposed.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 3:30PM in the City-Wide Community Center.

*Meeting minutes submitted by Councilor Jennifer Kretovic.*