

MINUTES OF THE
275th Anniversary Commission

May 20, 2025

The 275th Anniversary Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at the Salem Senior Center, 1 Sally Sweet's Way, Salem, NH.

Committee Members Present: Joe Sweeney, Juliann Isabelle, Cindi Woodbury, Cathy Ann Stacey, Tom Giarrosso, Susan Mothon, Dianne Wright and Pam Russell

Committee Members Absent: Crayton Brubaker, Marco Abreau, Joel Dolan, Rob Hannon, Aaron Shamshoyan, Rachel Hill, Mike Banks

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

1. Chair Comments

None.

2. Review of Minutes

MOTION BY: Cathy Stacey

Move to approve the April 22, 2025 minutes.

SECOND BY: Tom Giarrosso

VOTE: 7-0-1 (Pam was absent)

The motion passed.

3. Sponsorships Update

Georgia Brust has been working on the Banners with a good quantity at this time. Juliann reported there are checks coming in as sponsors. However, Juliann informed the group that they would like to switch vendors because they have not responded in a month. The committee decided to move forward with Rockingham Signs as they are able to have a very quick turn around time and can produce them for a cheaper cost.

4. License Plates & other Income/Expenses

We have sold 48 license plates. It does make a difference not having it on the Police Dept sign. Juliann will talk with Town Hall about selling there, there may be financial logistics to work out with this process. Sales have started at the 275store.com.

5. Grand Opening/Historical

Susan Mothon discussed the Grand Opening of the Old Town Meeting Hall following its renovations. She was very pleased with the attendance despite the weather conditions of the day. Cindi Woodbury was also happy about the grand opening, they were able to host the ribbon cutting ceremony at the event, which was well received by the public.

7. Upcoming: Town Forest Hike

Juliann spoke to this event that may be postponed due to the predicted weather, but her and Georgia Brust were keeping an eye on the weather updates and will make an official call on Thursday. The rain date will be 5/31.

8. Salembraction Update

Cindi Woodbury met with Police and Fire to go over the logistics of the days events on Salembraction. They are well trained in large events and they all coordinated where/what/when for the day.

9. Lafayette Update

Susan Mothon spoke on the Lafayette Update. The Women's Club is going to be a big part of coordinating this. We discussed having a table at this event 2:00 – 3:15pm to inform the public of Salembraction. We will also have Scavenger Hunt packets and commemorative items to order, along with our license plates.

10. Scavenger Hunt

Pam Russell spoke on the Scavenger Hunt – noting that for the next anniversary, a registration should be done for who takes the Scavenger Hunt packets.

11. Marketing Update

Members spoke about their commemorative items that they are wearing proudly. Looking forward to purchasing the glassware that Tom Giarusso brought to show us.

12. Next Meeting Date / Regular Schedule

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – 6:00pm at Senior Center

13. Adjourn

MOTION BY: Cathy Stacey

Move to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

SECOND BY: Tom Giarrosso

VOTE: 8–0

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:10 PM.

Notes/minutes taken by: Pam Russell