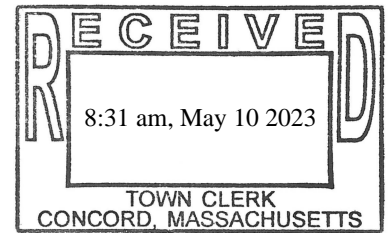


Concord 250
Community Participation Committee
Meeting January 11, 2023



Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Community Participation Subcommittee of the Concord 2025 Executive Committee was held in person on January 11, 2023 at the Town House at which time the following were present, being a quorum:

Committee Members Present: Holly Cratsley, Radha Jalan, Nancy McJennett, Joe Zellner, Carol Wilson. Delayed arrival due to time confusion: Liza Bemis, Court Booth, Maynard Forbes, Polly Meyer. Absent: Fabiana Dowd, Julia Farwell-Clay, Mardi Hutchinson.

Holly called meeting to order at 2:15 and deferred approval of minutes until 2:30 as there was confusion on the start time for today's meeting. Upon reaching a quorum the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Subcommittee Meeting were presented and with no corrections, minutes were moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

AGENDA

Scouts:

Carol – Is circling back for follow up discussion w/ Girl Scouts and National Charity League (NCL)

High School Classes:

Joe - Ms. Hanna Bruno is advisor for CCHS Student Government and will suggest class officers consider a project/event that predated 1775 for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 classes. Such as Boston Tea Party 1723, First Continental Congress 1774. He also reminded us to reach out to other Concord schools to participate. Suggested classes could design their own 2025 logo. Radha - suggested an essay contest for the 3 high schools around vision of Concord in the future...2125?

Court – Ray Pavlik leads and coordinates an International Evening at CCHS, offering food and cultural experiences from students' native countries. This could be coordinated with UN Day celebration presented by Radha and Holly. Court also shared conversation with School Superintendent that all outside projects and events involving the schools need to be cleared through her office and School Committee. The School Committee has asked Court Booth to serve as a liaison with 250 Concord. Class Officers meet together and Joe is planning to meet with them to encourage their involvement in the 250 celebrations.

Other school ideas: recreate 1775 town meeting, an evening of one person performances by high school students portraying revolutionary leaders, a Moot Court, a presentation on constitutional law.

Holly - Will share with the Executive Committee on Thursday evening that school leadership must be informed of all events involving students and schools.

International Participation:

Radha shared the history of past DEI events. The challenge is how to find families and individuals to participate. Andrew Nyamekye, the CCHS Director of DEI may be able to be helpful in identifying people to participate in a UN event.

Chamber of Commerce:

Maynard – Chamber plans to conduct a webinar next month for discussion on 2025 planning.

Funding:

Holly addressed question on funding for 2025 and at the moment the Town has allocated \$50,000 to Town Manager, \$75,000 for the parade with \$200,000 coming in from the state. Total estimated budget \$2,000,000.

AG Day 9/9/2023:

Liza – Will be held in Concord center with discussion of adding a Stone Soup type dinner at First Parish. Verrill Farm has done Stone Soup dinners in past and she will contact Jen/Steve to discuss.

Sports:

Polly – Mighty Moose 5K and Kicks for Cancer events are broadly supported and Concord 2025 should be involved. Reaching out to CA, Middlesex and Nashoba Brooks (Fenn?) for parking and space availability.

Concord Piecemakers:

Holly – They are working on a project for Concord 2025

Venues to be considered:

Maynard – Masonic Hall has a kitchen and approx. 100 seat capacity.

Holly - Monument Hall not available

Carol - Reaching out to Scout House

Court - Schools should be advised that no major activities should be scheduled other than normal school operations for April 2025.

Community Groups to Contact:

Discussion: Should we be advertising Concord 2025 at upcoming Town events in addition to previously mention Kicks for Cancer and Mighty Mouse? Include Earth Day (April 22nd), Picnic in the Park (July 4th), AG Day (Sept. 9th), UN Day (Oct. 23rd), Town Meeting (April 30th), West Concord Porch Fest (September) Christmas Tree Lighting (Early December) and CCHS home football games.

Also the Little Women Film Festival is coming up in February and Little Women-The Broadway Musical in April/May at 51 Walden.

Court: Acknowledgement that this land originally belonged to our Native Americans. How can we incorporate this important part of our history on Indigenous Peoples Day (Oct. 9th) and into our Concord 250th celebrations?

Human Rights Council presents a Climate for Freedom Award every other year to a local organization that has been effective in promoting human rights. The Council should be included in our outreach.

Polly: Has contacted the Old Manse

Other groups to contact:

The Children's Theatre

Bruce Freeman Trail

Adult & Community Education, Specifically Concord History Course /Victor Curran

Transcendental Council

Wright Tavern Trustees

Goals for 2023:

Participation Form:

Court - What is the criteria needed for participation? Focus on inclusion. Form for applying to have an event is needed. Polly will share her form for Living Concord with Court. Court will take a crack at designing a form and circulate to the committee. We will review and vote on a final form at our February meeting. Holly will then present it to the Executive Committee for approval.

Community Meals:

Holly and Carol - Will be meeting with local restaurant owners to discuss community meals.

Additional comments:

We need to set up a broader Google Doc that everyone can easily access. Fabi will work on that.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

February 1st Wednesday @ 2:00pm

March 1st Wednesday @ 2:00pm

April 5th Wednesday @ 2:00pm

May 3rd Wednesday @ 2:00pm

All meetings will take place in the Select Board Room of the Town House.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Wilson