

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Oct 16, 2024

October 16, 2024, 8 am - Town Hall Annex

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am

In attendance: Co-chair Geoffrey Morris; members Renee Brown-Cheng, James Carone, Sara Champion, Louzette Dovaras, Elizabeth Ellis, Dawn Fawcett, Stephanie Heering

Member: Deborah Rundlett (via phone)

Guest: Hilde Grob (via phone)

Absent: Pamme Jones, Daniela Sikora

Agenda items

- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Geoffrey Morris motioned, and Dawn Fawcett seconded, approval of the September 18, 2024 meeting minutes

- **Recap of Sept 19, 2024, Evening Social and Networking Event**

“Wine, Whiteboards & Independence,” our initial town-wide dialogue about activities and participation in Ridgefield’s Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was a great success and started community thought sharing on a host of ideas. We plan to host another social gathering of civic groups on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center, and will unveil the website at that time. In addition, executable ideas by September’s attendees will be presented. Name tags will be provided.

- **Pillar Event July 4, 2025**

No update: refer to September 18, 2024 minutes

- **Pillar Event July 3 – 4, 2026**

Much discussion centered around the execution of the July 3, 2026 Liberty Ball and logistics. Refer to September 18, 2024 minutes for proposed activities

- **Nail Down Ideas**

Ideas include fiddlers, reenactors, period tradespeople, crafts people, militia, period games

- **Website Update**

Renee shared the Website’s Outline, on which the site will be built. It will include mention of the State and National participation to celebrate America at 250. Forward to Renee photos that will enhance the website

- **Next meeting: November 20, 2024 8 a.m. Town Hall Annex**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Ellis