

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025, 8 am – Town Hall Annex

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am

In attendance: Co-chair Geoffrey Morris, Co-chair Pamme Jones, Renee Brown-Cheng, James Carone (Treasurer), Sara Champion, Elizabeth Ellis (Secretary), Dawn Fawcett, Stephanie Heering, Deborah Rundlett

Guest: Hildi Grob

Absent: Louzette Dovaras

Geoffrey Morris shared an America 250 television ad now running on Comcast TV

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Geoffrey Morris motioned, and Dawn Fawcett seconded, approval of the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes. All Approved.

Keeler Tavern Event July 4, 2025

This is a rain or shine event, and Set-Up will take place on July 3. From food delivery to the Health Department, things are on track. Discussion for a “worst case” weather scenario followed. Hildi will organize a volunteer timesheet, and a marketing meeting will be scheduled for next week for information and event promotions. Pamme will capture the event on video.

Calendar Update

July 4, 2025 Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center kick-off event is moving forward as planned

Website Update

Logistics work to accept payments is on-going. This critical piece is to be resolved prior to July 4. Pepsi will be added to the list of sponsors

<https://ridgefieldct250.org>

Fundraising Update

The Committee is working on a sponsor brochure. Stephanie will organize Fall fundraising events at 850 Wood Fired Restaurant and Posa Ristorante.

Sponsorships and Sponsor/Donation Acknowledgements

We will create a banner for July 4 to acknowledge sponsors. The banner will continually be updated as new sponsors come in. Our designer is creating a Declaration look-alike for individual donors. Keeler Tavern will have name-tags for all volunteers, and Geoffrey and Pamme will make the welcoming remarks and acknowledge sponsors before the Declaration reading.

Merchandise

Hats \$20

T-Shirts \$25

Mailbox Wraps \$10

Car Magnets \$10

We will have an America250 booth for sale of merchandise on site July 4

Financial Report

Jim Carone confirms that invoices received to date are paid.

New Business

As we prepare for the Ridgefield 250 launch, it's time to refine our processes in anticipation of the many upcoming projects. A small team will convene to draft a proposed process to present at the July meeting.

• Next Meeting: July 16, 2025 8 am via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Ellis