

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Unapproved Minutes
October 15, 2025
Hybrid meeting

Meeting was called to Order at 8:05 a.m.

Attendees in person:

Stephanie Heering (Co-Chair), Pamme Jones (Co-Chair) , Dawn Fawcett, Sara Champion

Attendees via zoom: Renee Brown-Cheng, Louzette Dovaras, Hildi Grob (ex-officio)

Members excused: James Carone, Deborah Rundlett

Meeting Minutes of September Meeting

BUSINESS:

Financials:

As Jim Carone is away, Dawn Fawcett is filling in. She requests all receipts, etc. be given to her. Our bank balance is approximately \$14,500 with approximately \$3,500 received but not yet deposited.

Open Seats:

Robert Salaga still needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and is scheduled for Nov.22.

Events:

Posa Celebrity Bartender Night October 15 4-8pm

Committee members will take turns bartending at this event. All will wear Ridgefield 250 Tee shirts. Merchandise will be available to patrons who make donations. Stephanie will make appropriate donation jars.

Ken Burns TV Documentary on American Revolution Nov 16-21

Discussed possibility of getting together to watch the first installment, perhaps at the Meeting House.

Sip and Shop Nov. 6

We discussed having a table in front of Houlihan's.

Holiday Stroll December 5 and 6

We discussed participating on Saturday, but not if weather is too bad.

Bar-tending Contest for Best America 250 Libation.

We are thinking of starting the contest during Restaurant week. We discussed the possible prize for the winner, perhaps serving the winning drink at the Liberty Ball.

Encouraging local businesses to commemorate 250 in their own ways.

Ideas include having Nod Hill Brewery creating a beer, Deborah Ann's creating an ice cream, pizza parlors having a dedicated slice, Cake Box having special cup cake, etc. Also considered was limiting the dates for these efforts to the period between Memorial Day and July 4. Could we partner with the Chamber?

Liberty Ball – July 3, 2026

There was discussion and agreement that Tom Pesce should be invited. Stephanie and Louzette will be going over to Lounsbury House to check the venue. Current thinking is that cost will be approximately \$250 for a couple.

Ballard Park-July 4, 2026

Pamme Jones reported that the park has been booked for the entire day. Our event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – November 19 at 8:00 a.m.. – Hybrid, Town Hall Annex

In addition, we discussed the possibility of an extra meeting on a regular basis , perhaps every 2 weeks.

Meeting ended at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Champion
Secretary