

**Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)**  
**Minutes**  
**May 20,2026**

Meeting was called to Order at 8:01 a.m.

**Attendees:**

Pamme Jones (Co-Chair), Stephanie Heering (Co-Chair), Renee Brown-Cheng,  
Dawn Fawcett, Sara Champion, James Carone, Hildi Grob (ex-officio)

**Excused:**

Deborah Rundlett, Louzette Dovoras

**Minutes of May 6 Meeting Approved**

**BUSINESS:**

**Financials:**

Treasurer Jim Carone reported. No changes.

**Events:**

**Memorial Day – May 25**

- **Parade-** Stephanie confirms that we will have a 18 foot trailer. Pamme has stars and bunting for our float. While we discussed decorating the float late Sunday afternoon, the weather forecast is problematic. So if we get rained out, we will meet at the Theatre Barn at 7am Monday. A bench will be provided for the float. We have arranged for Avi the bell ringer to ride with us. We will wear red, white and blue. Our parade position is behind Keeler.

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- **Vintage Baseball Game-** The game is being rescheduled. The logistics for it to occur Memorial Day proved insurmountable. The group is now looking at the Sunday before Father's Day.

**Bartender Event-** Rene, Stephanie and Connor (Stephanie's son) have been working on this. It is scheduled to begin this weekend. QR codes will be available for voting. Participating restaurants include: R House, Tableau, Terra Sol, Barn Door and Posa.

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**Star Spangled Soiree at Lounsbury House – July 3, 2026**

24 tickets have been sold. Jim noted that most purchasers have paid the transaction fees. Jim will print a spreadsheet with names of ticket purchasers listed alphabetically by last name. Sara volunteered to sit at the check-in table. Stephanie has purchased decorations for July 3 at Hobby Lobby. Idea is to reuse decorations the next day in Ballard Park. We are looking for partners for this event, not sponsors. Partners would include : Theatre Barn,

Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center, donors, etc. Cost for this event is \$125 per person. Our caterer for food and drink is Sand Wedge. The set up will be two larger tables for people who need to sit down. Otherwise, the guests will stand and use high-top tables for their drinks and light bites.

**Party in the Park! At Ballard Park-July 4, 2026**

We have lined up some family-friendly activities through Party Troupe, especially appealing for children, for the period between 11 and 1, including face-painting, glitter, balloon-twisting, a stilt-walker, and a magician.

Meeting adjourned at 9.01.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Champion  
Secretary