

**America 250 Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2026**

**Attendees:**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Town Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Public</u></b>
Mary Lou Barmby (Excused)	Gene Dvornick	
Nancy Evans		
Kitty O’Hara		
Meghan Palazzo (Excused)		
Faye West		

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM

**Approval of January 5, 2025 Minutes:**

***Motion: Kitty O’Hara; Second: Nancy Evans to approve the minutes as presented –  
Motion Carried (unanimous)***

**Review of Sponsorship Letter and Business Listing:**

Gene Dvornick handed out the revised Sponsorship Letter and a listing of businesses within the Town. Minor revisions to the letter were requested. The letter will be sent out electronically, with individual follow-up.

**Review of Fire Hydrant Painting Activity:**

Gene Dvornick handed out the draft Fire Hydrant Painting Contest Information sheet and a map of all town fire hydrants.

The Committee discussed focusing on the following areas:

- 4 hydrants around The Circle
- 4 hydrants on West Market Street (Robinson Street to North Front Street)
- 4 hydrants on East Market Street (North Race Street to North King Street)

Will need to determine a design submission deadline date.

Faye West will reach out to school officials for contact information and gauge interest in participation.

**Discussion of Artisan & Craft Festival:**

Nancy Evans reported on a Ceasar Rodney character – Larry Mayo - \$200.00/day. Search for Ben Franklin continues.

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It was suggested that space rentals (10 x 10) be set at \$76.00 – committee agreed.

Committee members to start gathering artisan and craft vendor contact information.

Should investigate a photo booth or photo frame (used at New Years Eve) for selfies and event promotion.

Other items noted:

- Flags
  - Town has ordered 13 state flags and an America 250 flag
- Crosswalk Project
  - DelDOT Right of Way Use Agreement signed by the Town and returned to DelDOT for their review and signature
- Mural
  - Property owner has given permission for the mural on their building (Cherry Lane)
  - Faye West will reach out to John Donato

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

Next meetings are scheduled for:

- Monday, February 2, 2026, at 3:30 PM
- Monday, February 16, 2026 at 3:30 PM

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: Kitty O’Hara; Second: Nancy Evans to adjourn at 4:44 PM – Motion Carried (unanimous)***

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Finalized activities and timing

<u>January, February, March</u>	<u>July, August, September</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire hydrant painting by local schools</li> <li>• Crosswalk painting (13 stars)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading of Declaration of Independence (07/04)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8:00 AM</li> <li>○ Noon</li> <li>○ 4:00 PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Fireworks &amp; Concert – Georgetown Speedway</a></li> </ul>
<u>April, May, June</u>	<u>October, November, December</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artisan &amp; Craftsman Festival (06/13)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>○ Vendors</li> <li>○ Food Trucks</li> <li>○ Entertainment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mural Painting</li> <li>• <a href="#">Children’s Reading Program – GPL</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Return Day (11/05) – GHS</a></li> </ul>

*Note: Coordinated by others*