

**America 250 Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026**

Attendees:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Town Staff</u>	<u>Public</u>
Mary Lou Barmby	Gene Dvornick	Ron Ferraro
Nancy Evans		Teresa Rogers
Kitty O’Hara		Rachel Culver
Meghan Palazzo		
Faye West		

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM

Approval of January 21, 2026 Minutes:

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

National Liberty Tree Project:

A presentation was made by Mr. Ron Ferraro regarding the National Liberty Tree Project and potential locations for planting of one in Georgetown. Possible locations were the Old Courthouse property or the Franklin Lodge (East Market Street). The Committee was very excited about the possibility of participating and it was indicated there was minimal cost involved. Ideally planting would be around the April/May timeframe.

Gene Dvornick will reach out to Facilities Management regarding the Old Courthouse location.

Activity Updates:

- A. Sponsorship Letter and Business Listing
 - ✓ The Committee reviewed the request letter
 - ✓ Chair signature was added
 - ✓ Addressing will be to ‘Dear Business Owner’
 - ✓ Initial distribution will be done via email, with selected in person follow up
- B. Building Mural
 - ✓ Gene Dvornick confirmed approval of the building owner for the project
 - ✓ Faye West will reach out to John Donato to initiate design
- C. Fire Hydrant Painting Activity
 - ✓ The Committee reviewed the one-page summary
 - ✓ Faye West will reach out to local schools and share the information
 - ✓ Deadline for submissions is April 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM
- D. Artisan & Craft Festival
 - ✓ Gene Dvornick provided the proposed flyer for the event

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- ✓ The Delaware Division of the Arts maintains contact information for artisans and will share our information with their community
- ✓ Additional Artisans (provided by Committee Members) will also receive the information
- ✓ The Town Solicitor is finalizing review of the Vendor Application (a draft will be sent out after the meeting)
- ✓ Specific vendors:
 - i. Photo Booth ~ \$800.00/day
 - ii. Silhouette Booth ~ \$225.00/hour
 - iii. Blacksmith
 - iv. Representatives of the American Revolution Groups (Sons, Daughters) – Mop and three corner hats
 - v. Caesar Rodney character ~ \$200.00/day
 - vi. Ben Franklin character – search continues
- ✓ Need to think about design and content of an event program (perhaps a logo and graphic designer)
- ✓ Scavenger Hunt
 - i. Small giveaways – being researched
 - ii. Consideration of ending at the library and children receive a free book

E. Other Items

- ✓ Flags of the 13 colonies and America 250 have been ordered
- ✓ DeIDOT returned the Approved Right of Way Use Agreement (crosswalk painting)

Schedule Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjourn:

Motion: Kitty O’Hara; Second: Mary Lou Barmby to adjourn at 4:57 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"> • Fire hydrant painting by local schools • Crosswalk painting (13 stars) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading of Declaration of Independence (07/04) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8:00 AM ○ Noon ○ 4:00 PM • Fireworks & Concert – Georgetown Speedway
<u>April, May, June</u>	<u>October, November, December</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artisan & Craftsman Festival (06/13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scavenger Hunt ○ Vendors ○ Food Trucks ○ Entertainment • Mural Painting • Children’s Reading Program – GPL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return Day (11/05) – GHS

Note: Coordinated by others