

**America 250 Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2026**

**Attendees:**

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

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM

**Approval of February 2, 2026 Minutes:**

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

**Sponsorship Update:**

Gene Dvornick reported that the Sponsorship Letter and Form had been sent out electronically on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. A total of 317 emails were sent.

Replies must be received on/before Friday, May 15, 2026 for inclusion in promotional materials.

**Activity Updates:**

- A. Building Mural
  - ✓ Faye West has reached out to the artist – John Donato
  - ✓ Gene Dvornick provided arial and street level photographs of the proposed location
- B. Fire Hydrant Painting Activity
  - ✓ Faye West has reached out to IRSD, Sussex Academy, and Delmarva Christian
  - ✓ The Fire Hydrant Painting flyer was also distributed
  - ✓ Deadline for design submissions is Friday, April 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- C. Artisan & Craft Festival
  - ✓ Vendor solicitation
    - i. Provided Delaware Division of the Arts event information for distribution
    - ii. Direct email to 56 vendors (committee identified)
  - ✓ Scavenger Hunt
    - i. Considering stickers or stamps to record site visits
    - ii. Discussing about seeking business giveaways
- D. National Liberty Tree
  - ✓ Follow-up with DFM
  - ✓ Still hopeful for Old Courthouse location

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E. Other Items

- ✓ Mary Lou Barmby provided a Master Schedule for use in tracking key dates, activities, and information
- ✓ Discussion of potential pin/logo design for the celebration – several created via AI and shared
- ✓ Gene Dvornick will send the Town Branding Style Guide and color pallet

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

Next meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 3:30 PM

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: Kitty O’Hara; Second: Mary Lou Barmby to adjourn at 4:50 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*