

**America 250 Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026**

Attendees:

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

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:34 PM

Approval of February 16, 2026 Minutes:

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

Sponsorship Update:

Gene Dvornick reported that the Town has received \$2,800 in sponsorship contributions and \$380 in vendor booth fees.

Faye West and Christina Diaz-Malone would be going door-to-door, visiting local businesses over the next week.

REMINDER: Sponsorships must be received before Friday, May 15, 2026 for inclusion in promotional materials.

Activity Updates:

- A. Building Mural
 - ✓ The artist, John Donato, has just finished his project at the Georgetown Middle School
 - ✓ John Donato indicated he would be willing to help raise funds for the project if necessary
- B. Fire Hydrant Painting Activity
 - ✓ No responses received yet
- C. Artisan & Craft Festival
 - ✓ Did receive approval from the State to use the Sussex County Courthouse parking lot
 - ✓ Need to start thinking about the number of volunteers needed and tasks for them
 - ✓ Vendor solicitation
 - i. We have received 6 vendor applications – 49 spaces still available

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- ✓ Scavenger Hunt
 - i. Working on a circular pattern
 - ii. Consider adding the 4 historical markers around The Circle
 - iii. Card design with clues, stamp spot, and map/directions
- D. National Liberty Tree
 - ✓ Gene Dvornick contacted the Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs regarding the Old Courthouse location
 - ✓ Second choice remains the Masonic Lodge on East Market Street
- E. Other Items
 - ✓ Mary Lou Barmby provided an updated Master Schedule for use in tracking key dates, activities, and information
 - ✓ Gene Dvornick will reach out to Hook P/R regarding assistance with the program and promotional materials
 - ✓ Faye West will follow up with Nanticoke Tribe dancers
 - ✓ Nancy Evans suggested we update the activity a timing schedule included in the minutes (completed – see below)

Schedule Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjourn:

Motion: Nancy Evan; Second: Meghan Palazzo to adjourn at 4:45 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"> • Committee meetings and planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meetings and planning • 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"> • Committee meetings and planning • Crosswalk painting (13 stars) • Fire hydrant painting by local schools • 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