

**America 250 Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 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 3:39 PM

**Approval of March 10, 2026 Minutes:**

***Motion: Mary Lou Barmby; Second: Nancy Evans to approve the minutes as presented  
– Motion Carried (unanimous)***

**Sponsorship Update:**

Gene Dvornick reported that the Town has received \$6,750 in sponsorship contributions and \$532 in vendor booth fees.

The Voice Radio Network would like to sponsor as follows:

- \$1,000 cash
- Advertisement for 2 weeks prior
- Live music at the event

The committee was receptive to this sponsorship.

*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 visited the site and developed a design
  - ✓ He is flexible on dates to perform the work – confirmed it can be done before June 13, 2026
  - ✓ Committee should contact schools to gauge student interest/availability
  - ✓ Gene Dvornick asked about color, type, and quantity of paint(s) needed
- B. Fire Hydrant Painting Activity
  - ✓ Contact has been made with IRSD, SAS, and Georgetown Middle

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C. Artisan & Craft Festival

- ✓ Discussion around porta-a-potties (potential vendors, cost, and sponsorship opportunities)
- ✓ Faye West will be meeting with representatives of Wawa on March 30, 2026
- ✓ Mary Lou Barmby will have the event flyer and sponsorship form posted in the Village of Cinderberry
- ✓ The committee supports reaching out to Beebe, Bay Health, and Tidal Health to participate
- ✓ Others to be contacted include Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, Freeman Foundation, and PAM Hospital
- ✓ Gene Dvornick indicated that the event flyer will be included in the April 2026 utility billing (sent out with utility bills and Town Newsletter)
- ✓ Vendor solicitation
  - i. We have received 7 vendor applications – 48 spaces still available
- ✓ Scavenger Hunt
  - i. Mapped out 10 locations - 11<sup>th</sup> is the Georgetown Public Library
  - ii. Arts & Flowers will work on designing a certificate for award upon successful completion

D. National Liberty Tree

- ✓ Gene Dvornick advised no response from the Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs regarding the Old Courthouse location
- ✓ Nancy Evans shared the Franklin Lodge (East Market Street) is interested

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

Next meetings were scheduled as follows:

- Monday, April 6, 2026 at 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 10:00 AM

**Public Comment:**

Kitty O’Hara shared an example “Sign Up Genius” for volunteers to complete and fill various work shifts and tasks

Louise Rathfon indicated the Scouts from Troop 95 could handle Presentation of Colors in lieu of the ROTC

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: Mary Lou Barmby; Second: Kitty O’Hara to adjourn at 4:49 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>• Committee meetings and planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee meetings and planning</li> <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>• Committee meetings and planning</li> <li>• Crosswalk painting (13 stars)</li> <li>• Fire hydrant painting by local schools</li> <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*