

America's 250th Anniversary Celebration Minutes

February 25th, 2026, at 11:05am

Call to Order

Attendance: Linda Chandonnet, Janet Lewis, Tami Baker. **Absent:** Donna DelRosso and Chris McCarthy.

Minutes: Approve

DISCUSSIONS:

Event date

- ✓ Saturday, June 27th, 2026
- ✓ Times were determined for all the schedule of events
- Event Name: Tabled for more ideas & Logo needed

Porta Potties

- ✓ Donna confirmed she has 4 Porta Potties (from Karen) to use for the event FREE

Invited

- ✓ Donna also invited the following to our meetings: Candia Congregational Church, Rotary Club, Masonic Hall and JRHS
- ✓ Linda invited Cemetery Trustees

Soldiers Monument

- ✓ Event begins at Soldiers Monument with Wreath Ceremony by Sons of the American Revolution
- ✓ Decision made to have it followed with a Ceremony by the Sons of the American Revolution and Musket Salute.
- Who will pay for wreath at the Wreath Ceremony – Linda will reach out to Candia's Garden Club.

Sponsor Letters mailed: (November)

- No responses received
- Linda will have a conversation with possible sponsors

Parade

- ✓ Sons of the American Revolution confirmed
- ✓ Decorated Floats: Need to reach out to others: Moore School confirmed.
 - Boy Scouts, JRHS, CYAA, 4-H with AG, Baton Twirlers, Patriot Heating
- ✓ Old Fire Trucks – Firemen to contact Adam Sicard (in parade and at Fire Station)
- ✓ Antique Cars – contact Dean Young
- ✓ Bands needed – invite Pinkerton?
- ✓ Bagpipers to return
- ✓ Charmingfare Farm – with horses

Food Truck Vendors

- ✓ Discussion confirmed the Truck Vendors fee is \$150
- Vendors needed
- Vendor sign-up sheet (Need one to be made up)

Farmers Market & Vendors

- ✓ Discussion confirmed the Farmers Market Vendor fee is \$30
- ✓ Farmers Market Chairman will forward list of Vendors
- Vendor Sign-up sheet needs to be made
- Vendor Donations for ticket raffle (Donna donating homemade quilt)
- Information tent & table needed

Volunteers

- Sign-up sheets needed

Flyer & Advertising

- Sponsors are needed
- Program to be created – include sponsors with advertising
 - Time & Place of events with Map of event location
- Advertise with an event flyer for Town Voting have a table w/flyer with Save the Date

Music

- Bagpipers? (Find out Cost)
- Singer for American Songs needed – Nicole Murphy?

Activities

- Boat Race in Pond - Boys Scouts/JRHS
- Fire Department - Touch a Fire Truck, Ambulance, Police?
- Face Painting? Need people

Boards & Committees:

- Tents set up at Moore Park (No vendor fees)
- ✓ Conservation Commission – Judi Lindsay confirmed
- Agriculture Commission?
- ✓ Police Department – Chris Confirmed & will have some history
- ✓ Cemetery invited
- ✓ First Baptist Church – water
- ✓ Historical Society – The Old School House for the opening of Time Capsule & Selling Candia History Books – Having a meeting in March

Contests

- ✓ Moore School confirmed they will have Coloring Contest & Essays/Poems – Tent needed for display

Parking, Road & Traffic Detail

- Police needed for detail and possible road closures
- Parking area ideas & attendants if are needed

Fireworks

- ✓ Received Quotes from Fireworks companies
- Need funds

Stage & Seating for Park

- ✓ Chairman of Farmers Market will lend Picnic Tables
 - Someone to move the Picnic Tables
- Stage, Podium, Decorations and large School Bell needed
- Microphone & Speakers – (Karaoke Machine possible)
- Town Hall - Sash under windows

Additional Ideas

- Plant A Tree – Donna will ask Candia's Women's Club - Jeff suggested Sugar Maple
 - Need a good location for the Tree
- Charmingfare Farms – Linda will ask to participate in Parade or if have other ideas
- Games? Corn Hole? For Kids?
- Candia Memorabilia – Mugs, Keychains, Tote Bags – Members will look into
- Donna reached out to Masonic Hall for ideas they might be interested in
- Flags on Telephone Poles (How many) Fire Department – Rotary Club or Lions Club for finance
- Raffles to sell - to raise money for event -Tent & Table needed
- Fitts Museum will be open on that date

Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

Adjourn: 12:25pm

Members: Linda Chandonnet, Janet Lewis, Donna DelRosso, Chris McCarthy, Isaiah Soucy, Chad Shevlin, Megan Ross, Rich Lavoie, Tami Baker.