

America 250 Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 6 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:50

Attendance: David Lavasseur, Maribeth Breen, Christy Pontillo, Judith Danek ,
Mike Rush,

Absent: Nancy Meinke, Dana Horrigan, Laraine Scherban, Peggy Abbott

Guests: Jan O'Sullivan, Mary Young

- Judith introduced Mary Young, a potential new committee member.
- Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

- Nancy and Judith met with the Clinton Chamber Board to discuss potential partnerships and sponsorships.
- Essex Savings Bank and Liberty Bank are potential event sponsors.
- The Chamber will give us access to their member list and mailing labels.

Financial:

- Mike met with the town manager who told him we can accept donation/sponsorship checks, but they must be made out to the Town of Clinton. Anyone who donates cash must be given a written receipt.
- We can also get mail at the town hall. Items should be addressed to:
 - Town of Clinton
 - American 250 Committee
 - 54 E. Main St
 - Clinton, CT 06413

Communications:

- It was confirmed that we can have a link from the town's webpage.

Education:

- Judith reported that Laraine has been to the schools and is working with the history classes.

History:

- David's 1st lecture was a big success. He will be presenting the next lecture in the series in Killingworth at the Fire Station in the fall

Marketing:

- Leah mentioned there is good engagement with the FB posts. Please comment and share when you see AM250 posts. Instagram will be next.

Old Business:

- Mike found a 12-foot scroll that can be used for community signing. The committee would like to have a guest book to get contacts and feedback at events. The committee will approach the town gov't to get a declaration commemorating AM250.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6 pm in the HCH small conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Maribeth Breen