



Ad-Hoc Semi-Quincentennial & Tri-Centennial Committee

March 27, 2025

City Wide Community Center

Program Room 3

14 Canterbury Road

Concord, NH

3:30 PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

- Byron Champlin, Mayor
- Amanda Grady Sexton, Council
- Jennifer Kretovic, Chair
- Jim Milliken
- Fisto Ndayishimiye
- Donna Robie
- Rik Yeames

ABSENT:

- Cindy Foote
- Steve Leone
- Jessica Martin
- Kris Schultz, Council Representative
- Tim Sink
- Brent Todd, Council Representative

1. Call to Order by Councilor Kretovic, Committee Chair. At 3:30PM, Roll Call was taken at this time.
2. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes of January 30, 2025. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Councilor Grady-Sexton and was duly seconded.
3. The committee discussed multiple potential events for the city to sponsor. Understanding and defining the role of the Sub-Committee and efforts to celebrate the 250th and 300th anniversaries, within the context of the State of NH and their efforts to celebrate only the 250. The committee discussed the following potential sub-committees:
 - a. Parade Committee
 - b. School Engagement Committee (Kathleen Murphy, Penacook Historical Society, our Private School Communities, etc)
 - c. Non-Profit Liaison Committee

Council Grady-Sexton recommended a “Celebration Charette” of sorts with the community and stakeholders in our local non-profits.

Fisto Ndayishimiye noted that our refugee, immigrants and New Americans know nothing of our America History and what we would be celebrating. Inclusion of all marginalized populations is important, especially related to the City's DEIJB and welcoming community efforts.

4. City Budget for the 300th Anniversary: The committee discussed the City Manager including additional monies in the City Budget. The City Council would need to approve this number and ordering of the fireworks, for timing, needs to occur by October.
5. Public Input: Dr. Randy Pierce, from Future In Sight, added comment to the Fireworks that there is technology for persons with visual impairments to be able to "sense" the fireworks. He has connections at Paramount that could help with this effort. Councilor Kretovic noted the possibility of using Drones, to eliminate the noise pollution, smoke and environmental impact of fireworks. Dr. Pierce noted technology already exists for drone displays for persons with visual impairment. Councilor Kretovic will reach out to the Parks & Recreation Director, David Gill, to see if he can research this for us and costs.
6. Adjournment. Councilor Grady Sexton made the motion to adjourn and the motion was duly seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 3:30PM in the City-Wide Community Center.

Submitted by:

Councilor Jennifer Kretovic