

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Unapproved Minutes
September 19, 2025
Zoom meeting

Meeting was called to Order at 8:05 a.m.

Attendees via Zoom:

Stephanie Heering (Co-Chair), Sara Champion, Renee Brown-Cheng, Dawn Fawcett, Deborah Rundlett, Hildi Grob (ex-officio)

Members excused:

Pamme Jones (Co-Chair), James Carone, Louzette Dovaras

Meeting Minutes of August Meeting (approval delayed)

BUSINESS:

Financials:

As Jim Carone is away, Dawn Fawcett is filling in. She requests all receipts, etc. be given to her. Our bank balance is approximately \$14,500.

Committee Secretary:

Sara Champion has volunteered to take on the Secretary role. Committee approved.

Open Seats:

We voted to recommend Robert Salaga as a new member of the Committee. He will need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Planned Events:

850 Pizza Give Back Night September 8

We received donations of \$275 for merchandise and approximately \$450 for evening proceeds.

Posa Celebrity Bartender Night October 15 4-8pm

Committee members will take turns bartending at this event. All will wear Ridgefield 250 Tee shirts. Merchandise will be available to patrons who make donations. Stephanie will make appropriate donation jars.

Holiday Stroll – We need to be able to have our merchandise available at Friday night event. Stephanie is looking into getting a table through the Chamber of Commerce.

Keeler Tavern Holiday Boutique– Weekends November and December

Keeler has some Ridgefield 250 merchandise and is hoping to make a donation to our Committee.

Ballard Park Event – July 4, 2026

Dawn reported that Committee members need to step up and help as there are important logistical, as well as programmatic, needs that need to be addressed. In addition, Committee members should be on the lookout for other community members to help with this event, particularly those with some experience.

The Committee discussed the time for this event and are recommending it end at 2. Also, we are thinking that it not include a meal, but rather snack -type items such as hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream, etc. The possibility of food trucks on the adjoining street was discussed, as well as the necessity of obtaining approvals for street closing, etc.

Parade:

After discussion, it was decided not pursue the concept of a parade July 3, 2026. Committee thinks our efforts would be better spent on preparing a sensational float for the Ridgefield Memorial Day Parade.

Merchandise

We have been advised by the Town Treasurer that merchandise is not to be sold, although we can accept donations. As we have approximately \$5000 worth of merchandise that was purchased, we discussed strategies to reconcile this issue. Many passports remain and the Committee discussed possible continuation of the activities. Stephanie will inspect the stamps at the various sites. Sara suggested considering uses of the passports but without the stamp feature.

Museum in the Streets:

After discussion, it was decided that this Committee would not undertake an update of the Museum in the Streets signage.

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Next Meeting – October 15 at 8:00 A.M. – In Person, Town Hall Annex

Meeting ended at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Champion
Secretary

