

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Minutes
February 18,2025
Meeting at Town Annex

Meeting was called to Order at 8:10 a.m.

Attendees:

Stephanie Heering (Co-Chair), Pamme Jones (Co-Chair) , Dawn Fawcett, Renee Brown-Cheng, James Carone, Sara Champion, Louzette Dovaras

Members excused: Deborah Rundlett, Hildi Grob (ex-officio)

Minutes of February 4 Meeting Approved

BUSINESS:

Financials:

Treasurer Jim Carone reported that we have a few things to settle from Jul 4, 2025 with Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center. He will meet with the Town to confirm transactions and donations, report back our balance, and send donor acknowledgement letters out, as needed, asap.

Open Seats:

We do not currently have anyone moving forward with appointment to the committee.

Events:

Liberty Ball – July 3, 2026

A **Motion** was made and passed to change the name to “Stars and Stripes Soiree.”

This is an adults (Age 21) only event. We plan to sell tickets at \$125 per person, \$250 per couple. Our intent is to cover our costs with ticket sales and sponsorships. We hope to sell 250 tickets and intend to start selling them after Memorial Day.

Ballard Park-July 4, 2026

Motion was made and passed to name the event “Party in the Park!” Our logo will precede the words.

Our event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be a” Family Day of Fun” and everyone will be welcome at this free event. There can be no food for sale in the park. We will confirm approval to close Gilbert St from Main St to New St. where we plan to have food trucks.

Committee members will meet with Hildi to discuss activities for that day and build out the event with her input. It is agreed that all activities in the park should be free to all.

Fife and Drum group has been booked.

Signature Cocktail Contest---

The competition will run from Memorial Day to June 30.

Memorial Day- May 25, 2025

We have a truck, trailer and driver. We still need a theme. Jim Carone has offered indoor space for the trailer if weather is inclement.

Banners-

We have obtained an additional period of time for the town-wide banners. March 6 for 3 weeks. Banners have been made.

Passports-

We will make the activities available again in April. The passports and instructions are available at Keeler Tavern and History Center.

Remembrance Ball and Parade April 25-

CannonRidge DAR has invited us to march in their parade. We will do so with a 6 foot long banner.

Meeting ended at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Champion
Secretary