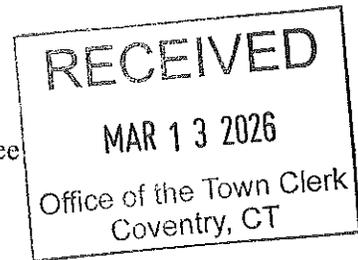


America: 250 Coventry CT Committee
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2026

Town Hall Conference Room D



1. Roll Call/Call to Order
 - a. John Holmy called the meeting to order at 6:40. Emily Kennedy, Jacob Orcutt, Mary Ann Hansen, Jim Murphy and John Holmy were present. Anne Marie Charland and Torrie Phillips were not present. Ruth O'Neil arrived late at 7:08.
2. Audience of Citizens
 - a. None
3. Secretary's Report
 - a. Review of previous minutes.
 - b. Motion to accept minutes by Mary Ann Hansen seconded by Jacob Orcutt. Passed unanimously.
4. Old Business
 - a. Christmas in the Village and Lion's Club Christmas Tree
 - b. Letters from Prince William were posted to the America 250 facebook page.
 - c. Letters being sent to the embassy/consulate in Washington DC and Boston
5. New Business
 - a. Johns meetings
 - i. Town manager: We could use the money left over from 350th
 - ii. Finance Director: Tax collection day is a no with support from finance director/department
 - iii. Parks/Public Works director: Can't move boulders for the paper boat float.
 1. Buttons in the brook can only have 10 people in the brook.
 - iv. Senior Center: Very open to having senior center programs, John is doing a program on February 25th.
 - v. Jana Roberson: Village Improvement Signs, she went and purchased a restoration kit, started to clean before snow, ultimately signs need to be replaced. Is a priority for the committee.

- vi. Lions Club Meeting: Willing to donate money to help replace signs.
 - vii. Heidi Diel: Needs to be contacted for the boat parade on the lake. Just ensuring it is very patriotic for the 250th.
- b. John needs to attend town council meeting on February 17th
 - c. Historical society is presenting for Black History in February as well
 - d. The historical society on March 19th is doing the “stew and story” presentation about the Mills. It will be repeated on April 8th at the senior center.
 - e. John is meeting with the Booth and Dimmock Library
 - i. Ruth followed up as well and wants to “donate a program” featuring 250th music
 - ii. Sponsoring historical exhibit for the summer
 - f. “Pub crawl” with houses in town that used to be taverns and ending at the Bidwell Tavern.
 - i. John will ask homeowners if we can go to/in the houses.
 - ii. Utilize phones for a "virtual tour"?
 - g. Have an event to collaborate with the historic society. One of the historic talks/events.
 - i. Patriots Day?
 - h. Find a way to fix the clock in the library.
 - i. The former town manager suggested highlighting the original Coventry settlers/families.
 - i. Further highlighting various Coventry community members. Longest married couple, oldest person etc.
 - j. Schools
 - i. Letter Contest- what does america mean to you? (Due May 21)
 - ii. Kid Governor Running in 2026 again at GHR
 - iii. Program Patriotic musical selections throughout the 26-27 year (schools are already programming)
 - iv. America through the decades spirit week 6-12 (Fall 2026)
 - v. Historic Get out and play day-CGS/GHR?

- vi. Social studies lesson- Torrie/Emily shared curriculum with Social Studies Faculty
 - vii. Advisory on america 250/veterans day 6-12
 - viii. Morning Show historical facts regarding America 250- students research and highlight US history fact during broadcasted show
 - ix. Student speakers regarding 250th anniversary during CNH veterans assembly November 2026
 - x. Students creating patriotic art to be displayed- k-12 (Possibly for district art show)
 - xi. Send out a student form to create a playlist for the fireworks (summer 2026)
 - xii. Ruth will reach out to the CGS reading buddy program to make May reading related to America's 250th.
 - k. Arts on Main in August
 - i. America 250 will host a small walk/talk tour of millbrook park or something similar. Featuring the signs
 - l. Rev War music program maybe at a market
6. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 by Jim Murphy seconded by Jacob Orcutt.
Unanimously passed

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Kennedy