

America250 – Plymouth, CT

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

Plymouth Congregational Church, 10 Park Street, Plymouth, CT 06782

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Present: Jerry M., Michelle M., Dorine T., Mary Jean M., Gretchen D., Denise C., Bill R.

Call to order: 7:05pm

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Dorine and 2nd by Denise to accept last meetings minutes

Correspondence

Rev. Flags recently hung in Eli Terry Jr Middle School Library. LMS Alyssa Modeen shared photos.

Whitney Shufelt from the Main Street Community Foundation reached out to let us know that there was some funding set aside for America250 activities in towns within their service area. Gretchen called and discovered that there may be \$2,000 - \$4,000 available. This funding is separate from a typical grant cycle. We would need to email a request with pertinent documentation. Following discussion with committee, possible requests could be for bands and re-enactors, also for July 3rd picnic.

America250 – CT Commission Update

Regional CT 250 Affiliate Gatherings are being held at the Warner Theater or Mattatuck Museum on Thursday, March 12. Need to register if planning to attend. Gretchen will forward the RSVP link to everyone.

Treasurer's Report

Starting balance \$1,724.95. Rec'd \$77.07 for Repl. Flags. Mary Jean and Dorine sold spices at Maple Fest, but that revenue is not included in this month's report. Ending balance \$1,802.02.

Library Board has pledged \$500 for children's America250 activities.

Old Business

Fundraisers

Discussion over future opportunities for selling spices and rubs. Possibly gift baskets for Father's Day. Dorine will inquire about claiming a booth at the Bristol Sr. Center Craft Fair.

Upcoming Programs

Civics & Conversation program at Library was very well-received. Meets for 3 more weeks.

Ken Burns' "The American Revolution" Watch Parties will begin in early April.

The Ancestor Roadshow will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 1-4:30pm.

Big Events

Fire Marshall gave his ok for the re-enactors to fire muskets without powder at the May 16, 2026 Old Plymouth Day Festival. Gretchen will speak to Police Chief to make sure that there are no permits required and to notify them of what is planned for that day.

Event will be held from 10am-3pm. Gretchen will book the Fife & Drum for 11am – 12pm. Discussion between members on logistics of their marching route.

For food at the event, Nate plans to make pepper pot soup. Another vendor will have sourdough bread and cookies for sale.

New Business

Fundraisers

Nothing to report.

Upcoming Programs

Last year, we decided that we would do a second event focused on Community Service this Spring. We will schedule a gravestone cleaning at East Church Cemetery for June 6, 2026 beginning at 9:30am. Gretchen will reach out to the owners of the former Church to see if they would be willing to provide water for rinsing that day. Jerry also noted that another Historical Society member lives in the area and could help with water needs.

Our committee will walk in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25. Parade marchers will meet at 10am at the Fire Department HQ on Harwinton Ave. We'll carry 10 of the Revolutionary War Flags, the CT 250 banner, and we'll likely need volunteers to assist.

There is also a Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled at Plymouth Congregational Church on Sunday, May 24 beginning at 9am.

Members discussed schedule for Flags. LMS Modeen had asked for an update, since we were so far off schedule. Members agreed that the flags should be at the Church for the May 16th and July 3rd events. The Flags will remain at ETJMS for March, move to the High School in April, to Plymouth Green for May 1-16, then Baldwin Park for May 17-31. Gretchen will coordinate with Town Hall to display the flags there in June. The flags will be moved again to the Plymouth Green for the July 3rd event and Independence Day.

Big Events

Denise suggested having a nursery at the Old Plymouth Day to sell heirloom plants. Discussion. Denise will gather more information.

Gretchen requested a motion to adjourn. Move to adjourn made by Jerry. Denise seconded.
Motion passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rinke

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Recording Secretary