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America250 Ad Hoc Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026 – 7pm

Plymouth Historical Society, 572 Main Street, Plymouth, CT 06782

Present: Michele Moskaluk, Jerry Milne, Denise Clapsaddle, Bill Rinko, Gretchen DelCegno

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of 5/5 and 5/15 by Michele, second by Jerry. Passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

America250 – CT Commission Update

Local Committees meeting was earlier today. Notes will be shared with members when they come available.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance on 5/5/2026 was \$1769.57. \$888.08 was spent for Rangers and Portolet. Ending balance on 5/19/2026 is \$821.49.

We sold \$300 in T-shirts/Hats at the Olde Plymouth Day event and \$104 in Spices. Gretchen and Jerry have applied for Municipal or Affiliate funding from CT Humanities. Bill makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Denise seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

Fundraisers

Spice Girls report only a few "Buy 2 get 3rd Free" sales on Saturday. Most were single spice purchases.

Denise feels we shouldn't sell anything but Hats and Shirts at July 3 event.

Gretchen will attend American Legion event on July 4 and try to sell Shirts, Hats, etc if they ok it. Dorine offered to attend too.

Programs

We had good feedback from May 16th program. Most vendors seemed very satisfied with the engagement. Mary Jean will communicate with Senior Group to redistribute their leftover waters.

Money made from the Pepper Pot Soup sales was donated to Food Pantry. Members noted that we could have used more food vendors.

New Business

Programs

We will have 10 marchers with Flags in Memorial Day Parade. Jerry will make sure that the Green Mountain Flag is at the Green. Gretchen will remove 10 flags for walkers to carry on Monday, May 25. She will return the Flags to the Green after the ceremony.

The Library is hosting a program with John Cilio on the history of the Liberty Bell on Thursday, Sept 17, 2026 at 6pm.

Gretchen will reach out to Matt Malley to schedule a storytelling roundtable program in the near future.

Gretchen has been awarded an \$800 Corsetti Grant for a Local History Bus Tour. She will work with Matt from the Plymouth Historical Society to coordinate it once the leaves begin to change.

Big Event

Next Big Event is the Happy 250th Birthday Townwide Potluck/Picnic on July 3, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:30pm with a rain date tentatively scheduled for July 5, 2026.

Many programs for Tues 3rd were discussed. Gretchen will follow up with Petting Zoo vendor and reach out to Valentine the Clown for face painting. Jerry has confirmed that Back to Basics will donate fire wood for the s'mores portion of the night. Bill can setup two additional half-barrels to spread out the s'mores making.

Our tentative schedule is 6-7 Potluck/Picnic, 6:30-7:30pm Games and Activities, 7:40pm Ring Bells, Reading of the Declaration of Independence, A Few Words from Dignitaries, Ring LOTS of Bells, 8:00pm Bonfire with S'mores.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rinke

William Rinke

Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting:

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7pm

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