

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M., ROOM 207, 84
SOUTH MAIN ST.**

Present: Diane Calabro, Ron Gagliardi, Ray Bennett

Staff/Guests: Mitzi Romano- President of Cheshire Historical Society, Breina Schain – Cheshire Trail Trekkers, Logan Kranyak- Summer Intern, Andrew Martelli - Assistant Town Manager.

Absent:

1. ROLL CALL.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00am and a full quorum of the Committee was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Pledge was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12TH 2026.

The meeting minutes of May 12th were tabled for review at the next meeting.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Graphic History Project.

Diane presented an update on the graphic history project and progress to date. The goal is to have 36 panels at the Cheshire Public Library.

b. Bartlem Park July 4, 2026, Event Logistics.

Ray stated that things are falling into place. Ray has met with various members of the community soliciting donations for the event and to be part of the graphic history project.

Dan Ford will be getting the color guard and the Fire Department for the morning of July 4th. Ray has met with Guy Darter for the presentation panels for the park and other items for the morning events. He is envisioning having a small encampment and individuals dressed in period clothing. Write a wish for America and hang on a line between two trees. Andrew to reach out to Kyle for the flag at Route 10. Signs of the signers to be arriving this week to be installed on July 1st. The Bennetts will have a tent as will the Lions Club.

Mr. Bennett presented a plan for receiving funding and any excess funding. It was agreed that excess funds will be split between the DAR and Cheshire Historical Society.

A handout will be produced and copies of the constitution provided. Stephanie will be putting a message on the sign board at the Youth Center. Andrew will be purchasing lawn signs to be displayed around Town:

Cheshire Celebrates America 250
July 4th 9:30am
Bartlem Park

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

- i. June 30th, and a wrap up meeting on July 14th.

6. ALL OTHER BUSINESS.

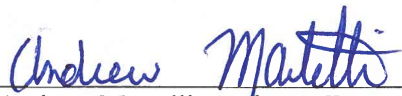
The Strawberry Festival will be held on June 13th with events on the Green and at the Historical Society.

Ron discussed Time capsules he will be putting in the Cheshire Today Magazine. It was decided that time capsule pizza boxes will be done after the 4th of July.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ray Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Diane Calabor seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:



Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager