

approved 3-19-2026

Celebrations and Commemoration Committee Meeting

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Members: Don Black, Karen Tuomi, Dolores. Jen, Maureen, Connie

Visitors: Greg Sheldon and Joni Parker Roach.

9 a.m.

Doon advised that the first event is the Colonial Ball with a target date of Friday, March 13. Jen talked with the Groton History Center and they can't do it. We have to partner with someone, having a dinner, and a banc for the evening. We will need to sell 200 tickets.

Don advised that Trish Dufresne manages a gift account. Gibbet Hill will need to know if we want to use that venue and we will need to call Steve Webber after a decision.

Jen added that we will need to find a partner to collect ticket funds for the Colonial Ball. Tickets are \$125 for a single and \$250 for a couple.

Don said that the second event would be the Minuteman Burial for those moved from the Boston Common – the Groton Minutemen that were lost at Bunker Hill.

The plan calls for a bronze plaque to be installed at the Old Burying Ground on April 11, 2026. The plaque would be placed on a stone. The plan would feature British soldiers reading the names on a scroll. The plaque and the stone will be donated.

The second part of this is to march to the Liberty Tree and feature the Liberty Lanterns.

Arbor Day is on April 24th and the plan is to have 250 sugar maples for private sale and planted at the cemetery and the Old Burying Ground. Need to see if the History Center is interested.

Sugar maples are \$9.99 for 2 ft. and \$22.00 for a 4 ft tree. Could be assisted by the Friends of the Trees and the Garden Club at their plant sale as back up.

The Memorial Day Parade is the same as last year – Monday May 25 starting at 9 a.m.

Flag Day is Sunday, June 14. Don approached Lawrence Academy who gave a generous donation for 60 flags. They also gave money for the aluminum sleeves. This will complete the Avenue of Flags. A total of 161 flags is needed to finish the entire roadway.

The flags will begin on Elm Street to Prescott Common. The Boy Scouts will put up the flags into sockets.

Joni Parker Roach of Destination Groton advised that Destination Groton has \$5000 for this effort. Don advised that the money goes into a gift account in the town and is managed by Trisha Dufresne. It would require approval of the Select Board to use these funds.

Don advised that the family fireworks planned for July 7 was up in the air, and that he was exploring other locations than the town field.