

MINUTES OF THE
275th Anniversary Commission
July 28, 2025

The 275th Anniversary Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, July 28, 2025 at the Ingram Senior Center, 1 Sally Sweets Way, Salem, NH.

Committee Members Present: Joe Sweeney, Juliann Isabelle, Crayton Brubaker, Cathy Ann Stacey, Aaron Shamshoyan, Pam Russell, Colleen Mailloux, Rachel Hill, Susan Mothon

Guests: Colleen Mailloux, Maya from SCTV

Committee Members Absent: Marco Abreu, Georgia Brust, Joel Dolan, Tom Giarrosso, Pat Good, Rob Hannon, Cindi Woodbury

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Chair Comments

A \$2,500 donation was received by the governor's inauguration fund. The Sal's / Tuscan donation will be presented at the Sal's upcoming ribbon cutting.

2. Review of Minutes

MOTION BY: Cathy Ann Stacey

Move to approve the July 9, 2025 minutes as amended.

SECOND BY: Crayton Brubaker

VOTE: 7-0-1 (Ms. Hill abstained)

The motion passed.

3. Bench Donation

Spicket Lodge 85 would like to donate a bench for the 275th anniversary. They are working with Larry Belair and Cindi Woodbury to put together a ribbon cutting. The consensus was that near the end of August would be best for the Commission.

4. Salembration

Mr. Shamshoyan passed around a map and schedule for Salembration. The Commission discussed. Mr. Shamshoyan discussed need for volunteers at the bounce houses. Larry Seaman will be providing photography for the Commission. The Commission discussed the status of volunteers. Mr. Shamshoyan discussed some changes to the schedule. Ms. Mailloux presented two options for the "Key to the Town" and the Commission decided to present a key, a ribbon with Salem colors, and a certificate for the recipient of the key. There was an update on the banner for the stage, it is being finalized now.

Ms. Mailloux discussed potential concerns with Primex coverage and bounce houses and is looking at what other communities have done for insurance coverage for similar events related to

1 bounce houses. She is working on coming up with a solution and just wanted the Commission to
2 know. Ms. Mailloux can provide an update to the Commission once it is available.

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4 Mr. Tylus will be selling merchandise live at Salembraction. Ms. Isabelle said that she can
5 provide receipt slips to Mr. Tylus. Mr. Shamshoyan noted that there will be a volunteer tent next
6 to the merchandise tent. The Commission will have lanyards for volunteers; Ms. Russell
7 suggested requiring volunteers to sign in at the volunteer table. Mary Anne's Diner asked if they
8 could have a table or provide a gift card. Ms. Russell will reach out. The Commission was good
9 with the DPW being allowed to buy and install a banner to represent themselves at cost.

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11 Ms. Mothon provided an update on the historical society items for Salembraction. She can recruit
12 some additional volunteers for historical society parts of the Salembraction event. She provided an
13 update on the historical films that have been shown at the Old Town Hall. Ms. Mothon provided
14 an update on historical society outreach to local papers.

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16 Ms. Russell provided an update on the scavenger hunt submissions. Various groups are donating
17 to get rewards for all of the eight submitters. The submissions will be on display at the three
18 seasons café at the High School.

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20 The Commission discussed further logistics for set up on Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August
21 9. Commission members were asked to show up at 10 am and coordinated where to park.

22 23 **5. Next Meeting Dates**

- 24 • Monday, August 4 – 5:30 pm at Ingram Senior Center
- 25 • Saturday, August 9 – 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Salembraction
- 26 • Follow Up / Recap Meeting – Monday, August 18 – 5:30 pm at Ingram Senior Center

27 **6. Other / Adjourn**

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29 **MOTION BY:** Aaron Shamshoyan

30 ***Move to adjourn at 7:06 pm.***

31 **SECOND BY:** Cathy Ann Stacey

32 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

33 **The motion passed unanimously.**

34 **ADJOURNMENT AT 7:06 PM.**

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36 Notes/minutes taken by: Crayton Brubaker