

MINUTES OF THE
275th Anniversary Commission

August 18, 2025

The 275th Anniversary Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 at the Ingram Senior Center, 1 Sally Sweets Way, Salem, NH.

Committee Members Present: Joe Sweeney, Juliann Isabelle, Crayton Brubaker, Aaron Shamshoyan, Tom Giarrosso, Susan Mothon, Cindi Woodbury, Cathy Ann Stacey

Guest: Colleen Mailloux, Mark Edwards

Committee Members Absent: Marco Abreu, Georgia Brust, Joel Dolan, Pat Good, Rob Hannon, Rachel Hill, Pam Russell

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Chair Comments

None.

2. Review of Minutes

MOTION BY: Crayton Brubaker

Move to approve the August 4, 2025 minutes as presented.

SECOND BY: Juliann Isabelle

VOTE: 8-0

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Salembraction Recap

Mr. Shamshoyan let the Commission know he is waiting on Mr. Tylus to find out the revenues from the merchandise selling from Salembraction. Ms. Mailloux provided a financial update. The Commission discussed recognizing the sponsors. Ms. Mothon asked about where to store the scavenger hunt submissions and the Commission decided to store it at the Historical Society. Ms. Woodbury suggested providing something as a “thank you” to the DPW workers who helped out at Salembraction, potentially doing a cooler gift for them. The Commission will review the financials and look at what to do the remaining funding. The Commission discussed other logistics related to Salembraction.

Mark Edwards from Spicket Lodge #85 introduced himself to the Commission and noted that the Spicket Lodge #85 is donating a bench in honor of the 275th anniversary. Mr. Sweeney suggested that the bench be located in the old Town common or by the hose house. The Commission discussed the logistics of the bench installation in coordination with the Project Salem proposed improvements.

4. Final Reports – Annual Town Report and ‘275 Report’

Mr. Brubaker provided an update on relevant reports and recommend the 275th have a few pages noted in the 2025 Town Report. He also recommended a potential final ‘275 Report’ to recap the 275th events, Salembation, organizational logistics, and other recommendations from the 275th Commission to future anniversary celebration committees. Mr. Brubaker suggested that from an organizational standpoint, perhaps a nonprofit organization could lead the efforts for ease of coordination, financial accounting, etc. Ms. Stacey suggested starting earlier; Mr. Sweeney noted that the 250th anniversary planning in 2000 began in 1996.

5. Salem Trivia Event Coordination

The Commission delegated the Salem Trivia Event to a few of the Commission members. The event will happen on October 2.

6. Remaining Events

Mr. Sweeney overviewed the remaining events. The rest of the events will be managed by subgroups of the Commission, consisting of a few members each.

7. Final Meeting Date

The final meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 5:30 pm.

8. Adjourn

MOTION BY: Cathy Ann Stacey

Move to adjourn at 6:08 pm.

SECOND BY: Cindi Woodbury

VOTE: 8-0

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:08 PM.

Notes/minutes taken by: Crayton Brubaker