250th/Semiquincentennial Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 @7:00pm
Mayor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Updates

Marketing
- Need to assemble the calendar and promote events this month
- Need to officially launch SQC press release, etc.
- Vicki to create poster for event
- DCM posting videos on Facebook SQC page of https://www.facebook.com/america250denvillenj (Doug Gabel and Peter Zablocki at historical society)

Fundraising
- 150 sponsorship stars were ordered to sell at $100 each; need to update the website for purchase
- Received $28,000 in sponsorships/donations
- Need volunteers to drop off sponsorship postcards to businesses; Donna Farrelly contacted many businesses

Attractions/Activities
- Joey Bella hosting family event on July 3rd
  - Lia Bella reserved a tent and LED lights; Size 100 x 60; up to 650 people; we have tent, table & chairs for all 3 days, will split cost with SQC
  - Electricity box in Gardner field needs to be fixed; ask town electrician
  - Reserved band "3 Piece Suit"
  - Hosting family dinner (no tricky tray or beefsteak) beer garden, lawn games, raffle, etc.
- Interstate Fireworks reserved date, need to send deposit
- Need to reserve hot air balloon on Saturday night and walkabout on Sunday
- Nick Panetta/Recreation will host 3-4 events on 7/4 weekend - pie eating contest, morning yoga, guess the jelly bars, etc.

Food
- Brigitte Carucci is the contact for food vendors, not in attendance
- Lia Bella (Joey Bella) to host dinner and beer garden under the tent on Friday night
- 53 Grill will provide food
- Pancake breakfast hosted by Kiwanis on 7/5

Community Outreach
- Doug Gabel not in attendance
- Vito from the historical society discussed walking tours and posting on social media
- Vito shared a pamphlet of Denville patriots

- Mayor Andes discussed installing a searchlight for Beacon Hill rock
- Jim Harp to coordinate with The Oaks for historical talks
- Tavern Talks confirmed at Diamond Spring Brewery (Zablocki)
- Elizabeth Berger (DAR) suggested a period historian Pat Shaftner to give a talk for $150 and DAR will host events at library for flag day
- Daughters of American Revolution will do display for all 3 days

Music

- The Street Hassle Band reserved
- Vicki reserved bands (Yacht, cover band, etc.);Danielle to contact 1 or 2 local bands
- Golden Gup band confirmed availability to emcee all 3 days - https://goldengup.com/

MISC

- Vicki asked for volunteer coordinator and decorations coordinator
- Vicki proposed a commemorative 250th mural for residents to decorate and assemble and ultimately display at Gardner Field or Town Hall upon completion, trying to get organization to sponsor (Rotary)
- Mayor Andes ordered banners for downtown honoring Denville's Veterans "Hometown Heroes"