

CHELMSFORD PARADE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026
HELD AT THE CHELMSFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Committee Members Present: Candy Chase, Sam Chase, Paul Cohen, Paige Gilet, Sean Hannaway, Jeff Hardy, Nick Hood, Eric Linstad, Chuck Marcella, Lynn Marcella, R.J. McGowan, Rick Romano, and Florence Vigeant.

Guests Present: John Kerr and John Silk from the Chelmsford Lions Club.

The Meeting was called to order by Eric Linstad at 6:45 PM.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jeff, seconded by Sam to accept the meeting minutes of November 18, 2025. All in favor.

Police Department: Nothing at this time. Jason will join us when necessary.

Concert on the Common: Contract signed with Jilly Martin and stage is all set.

Bands: Several not heard from – most are all set. Eric to reach out again to ones pending. He has contacted the Shriners and will see what else they have besides the Mini Tractor Trailers.

Floats: No applications yet, but it is early. Need to promote this. Jeff said he will mention at Select Board meetings and make note of prize money. Jeff will also request the Select Board be the judges of the floats again.

Politicians: Candy is keeping track of this – will probably be the same ones as usual.

Sponsorships: Paige noted that application is all set. Will need new banner design for this. She will have some designs for us in early February, should be by February 10th meeting. Once all set we need to start promoting need for sponsors for this big 250th Anniversary Celebration. Summer banner could be similar to winter – celebrating the 250th Anniversary.

Hometown Heroes: Veterans – all wars – Kirk said he would make contacts to see who we can get to join us.

Parade Marshal: This was finalized at today's meeting. Lynn will be meeting with our chosen person.

Properties: Once all items are collected and picked up we will go to lunch. Should not take too long with many hands! Chuck will write down what needs to be done with properties when getting ready for 3rd and 4th and when putting away.

Golf Carts: Paul will secure six (6) carts from Chelmsford Country Club for the day.

Porta Potties: Can discuss locations and numbers when we get closer.

Post Parade Luncheon: Can go back to The Establishment, food is fine. Jeff would like to reach out to The Princeton, not sure if open but will check to see if they would like to be a sponsor and host our luncheon.

New Committee Members: Glad to have Florence Vigeant join us. Need more to join!
Jeff will keep mentioning at Select Board meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Rick presented the report and noted that we continue to be in good shape.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Hopefully Summer banner sales will be great with 250th celebration!
- Eric to contact Patriots to see if they have Pat, Cheerleaders and Players available – will be great if they go to the Super Bowl!
- U.S.A. Olympians from Chelmsford – have Chevron Forgan who is in the Doubles Luge and Jack Eichel on Hockey Team. Please think about a contact who might be able to get one or both of them to join us!
- Sean to contact someone from Air Force band that is out of Hanscom Air Force Base to see if they might be available.
- Collinge Foundation – Lynn to contact them about tank availability. Only issue in past was fees were high for transporting them, but we can check to see what it would be.
- Road Painting – Lynn suggested our logo and 250th Anniversary Celebration be painting on road in front of reviewing stand. Also possibility of DPW painting red, white and blue line stripes down middle of road from bridge to reviewing stand. Paul will check to see if this might be a possibility.
- Balloons – would look great to have a company that does balloons do some red, white and blue balloons with our logo and pass along the route from the bridge to reviewing stand. Candy will check with her daughter who uses someone to do balloons.

Motion at 7:25 PM by Sam to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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