

**CHELMSFORD PARADE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 10, 2026
HELD AT THE CHELMSFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Present: Candy Chase, Sam Chase, Paul Cohen, Paige Gilet, Sean Hannaway, Eric Linstead, Chuck Marcella, Lynn Marcella, R.J. McGowan, Rick Romano, and Florence Vigeant

Guests: John Kerr from the Chelmsford Lions Club

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Sam, seconded by Chuck to accept the Secretary's Report of January 13, 2026. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Rick noted that not much has changed since last month. Happy that Nick is learning the ropes to take over as Treasurer. Motion by Sam, seconded by Chuck to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Police Department: Nothing at this time, Jason will attend when we get closer to Parade time.

Concert on the Common: Eric reported that all is ready to go. The stage banner has not been found so we will need to have another one made. No date on it, as before, so can be used for future concerts. Candy noted that all was set with Jilly and her group.

Bands: Eric has not heard from Rick Larrimore, not sure if he will be joining us this year. The only band that will be coming from Canada is Zarumba – they are very good. Too bad we can't get others, but afraid to cross the border. Chuck contacted Flagship Drumline (played at the Patriot's going away party). There will be 8-10 people and the price will be \$4,800.00. All agreed it will be good to have them with us. Maybe have them with Pat Patriot and Cheerleaders – if we hear from them!

Weinermobile: Lynn contacted Oscar Meyer to see if their Weinermobile would be available. Received a message back that we will hear when it gets closer to the date! We shall see!

Collinge Foundation: Lynn will contact Ken at the Collinge Foundation to see if we can get a couple of vehicles this year. Once we hear back we can contact Ferreiras to see if they can transport. The vehicles and transport are quite expensive so we will see what it will be.

Jacy Dawn: Jacy contacted about participating in parade with a Cancer Research Group. She let her know all groups are welcome – would be great for them to do a float – might win \$\$.
Will send her one of our participation forms once they are ready.

Floats: Nothing received yet, hopefully once we get the application out there. Paige will update and get on Social Media. Need to promote the 250th and the prize \$\$.
Possibly look into using one of the town digital boards to promote participation in the parade with a float.

Sponsorships: Paige will update the application with new banner and get it out on Social Media soon. Will also send to Sean to put on Web Site.

Summer Banner: Thanks to Paige for the great samples of Summer Banners! One has been chosen and it should be very popular – let's get going on sales!! Will do one for Parade Marshal and also for Chief Spence who is retiring.

Banner Poles: Chuck to contact Littleton Electric to see if they still have the poles and hardware and might like to sell them.

New Logo for 250th: Maybe add something relating to the 250th to our current logo.
Can discuss more at next meeting.

Post Parade Luncheon: Paige will chat with them to see if we can do it again there. Maybe near window - away from bar to be more private. Will also ask them about a sponsorship.

Balloons: Discussed idea about handing out balloons for the parade from 495 bridge to the center. Lynn showed a sample of one that looked like the license plate logo. Candy will chat with her daughter because she uses someone for something like that. Don't necessarily need to be helium, could be on sticks. Quite a large amount – 2,500 – 5,000 (can discuss quantity more) in red, white and blue. Would be nice to have our logo on it and 250th Anniversary.

New Committee Members: Usual conversation – several of us will be leaving after July 4th.
Would have been nice to have new members to “shadow us”... please keep talking to people.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn M. Marcella
Secretary