

## **Agenda for NCRW250 Meeting – January 16 at 5:00pm via Zoom**

in attendance

Kisten Mathis

Christine Eggleton

Ed Woodyard

Sharon Tomback

Susan Weill

Rich Nardi

Sue Shimer

Henry Skelsey

Katherine Wonder

Bruce Schwartz

Barbara DiGiaquinto

Nora Manuele

Robby Morris

Carole Morris

1. Acceptance of November 14, 2024 Minutes - [link](#)
  - a. [minutes accepted unanimously](#)
2. Remarks from Co-Chairs Nardi and Woodyard and Discussion from the Floor
  - a. New Business
    - a. April 6th Event, NC Library
      - i. Timeline
        1. [premier of film 4/4. advance screen on night before for town employees 4/3 for attendance constraints consideration. showing again on 4/6](#)
      - ii. Participants
      - iii. Reception Committee
        1. [discussion underway with susan geffen, other volunteers sought - perhaps restaurants. friends gallery, with exhibit in hallway. cast members present. 7 oclock on 4/4. 4/6 nc meeting 3pm.](#)
        2. [merchandise kristen available. marian ready to talk about art, george concert. orgs, school leaders invited. donations sought.](#)

iv.

b. Budgeting

- i. meetings ongoing for accepting donations and contributions, and sponsorships. Ed would like to talk to Robby about any frosty donors we might approach.
- ii. website - online fulfillment - on our website? merch will be available summer 2025 to build momentum. early sponsorship opportunities will be valuable.
- iii. rich - requests of subcommittee chairs to create budgets. ballpark first, any detail going ahead. Libby to send follow up template.

c. Trolley Tour May 4th 2026

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3. Sub-Committee Reports and Discussion as Necessary

- a. Arts in North Castle – Marian Hamilton, Chair and Susan Geffen, Co-Chair
- b. Decorating the Town – 2025-2026 – Josephine Egan and Susan Geffen
- c. Education – Town Revolutionary War History Video – Christine Eggleton and Steve Hillebrand
  - i. Christine film update, all shot, in the editing software, laid out, story is done, audio is lining up to be fact-checked, graphics are next step after fact checking. Expect ready by next week.
- d. Education – Schools (Byram Hills and Valhalla) Liaisons for Participation in NCRW250 - Susan Weill
  - i. poster distribution
  - ii. press releases coming.
  - iii. Susan needs timetable for dates for programming. Ed - to follow up with Susan on Valhalla contacts.
  - iv. Barb - poster? this poster is about the film, secondary poster with activities will be shared. Barb - school engagement - poster contest?
    1. Ed- essay contest for time capsule.
    2. Kristen Mathis shared the April 4th poster
  - v. over all funding questions -
    1. concerts
    2. trolley tours
    3. historical scavenger hunt May 2026
    4. 7/3/26 encampment at Miller House
    5. Sept 25 art in North Castle program- Marian

- e. Entertainment – Spring-Summer 2026 – Rich Nardi
  - i. bands scheduled
- f. Fundraising and Grants. Bruce Schwartz and Rich Nardi
  - i. Bruce - do we need a 501 c 3 - for taxes and contract services?
    - 1. it may be necessary to have a new entity
    - 2. why cant we do what they did in 1976? sharon
    - 3. rich - we have a cooperative supervisor and a good attitude exists
    - 4. clarity from the town is next
  - ii. Bruce - merch - NYS exemption for sales tax for 501 c 3's
  - iii. donations from IRAs
- g. Commemorative Items -Chairs and Kristin Mathis
- h. Historic Markers – Tom Rice
- i. Historic Sites Tour(s) – Nicole Blum, Nori Lustig & Sharon Tomback
  - i. may 2025. ads to go out in february march. by donation. 1st for NCHS only, keep waiting list for additional participants.
  - ii.
- j. Landmarking Historic Sites – Rich Rosen
- k. Parade, Fireworks & Re-Enactors – July 4, 2026 – Robby and Carol Morris, Town Administrator Kevin Hay and Ree Schultz
  - i. contracts with bands need time frame so that they can march, and then set up in wampus park.
  - ii. fireworks - field across from wampus
  - iii. music - live? background? scheduling should be tweaked. robbly to send timeline back to Ed
- l. Printed Materials – Sheila Drapeau, Sharon Tomback, Katherine Wonder
- m. Publicity and Advertising – Poster – Kristin Mathis
- n. Publicity and Advertising – Press Releases - Katherine Wonder
- o. Organizational Management - Scheduling and Timeline Management – Rich Rosen
- p. Time Capsule – Judge Susan R. Shimer, Chair; Diana Barrera assisting
  - i. 2025 event?
  - ii. what kind of medium should be included in 2026 reburial
- q. Concert Series - George Drapeau, John Krupa
- r. Website - Henry Skelsey, Christine Eggleton, Maria Scharf
  - i. two urls reserved northcastle250th.org, .com
  - ii. kristen has another one
- s. History Hunt - Tim Radice, NCHS

#### 4. For the Good of the Order

major action items -

4 4 committee

website

entity classification

parade timeline

2025 time capsule reveal

march 13th next meeting