

TOWN OF WESTERLY MEETING NOTICE 250TH COMMISSION FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. Board of Canvassers Conference Room, 1st Floor
Westerly Town Hall 45 Broad Street Westerly, RI

1. Call to Order Discussion and Possible Action
 2. Approval of minutes from March 10th & March 31th meetings

 2. Kids event in Wilcox Park, planning, update and possible action.

 3. Drone event, planning, update and possible action.
 - o Need soundtrack – Seth and Caswell
 - o Food trucks – Caswell
 - o Simulcast - WBLQ
 - o Band – Caswell
 - o Sound guy – Caswell
 - o National anthem singer – Caswell
 - o Speech – Michael Niemeyer

 7. Liberty Tree Event – April 24th, 2026, planning, update and possible action. See attached communication from Alan Peck.
 - a. Tulip Poplar is a descendent of the most famous surviving Liberty Tree from the American Revolution was a Tulip Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) that stood on the campus of St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

America250 Westerly's contribution amount to expenses. The expenses for this project include: from Alan Peck on expenses.

\$530 for the decorative metal fence
Kristy Head has offered \$330 on behalf of CAR
I will know the plaque cost soon and hope the Westerly 250 committee will be able to contribute some funding as well.
 - b. Follow-up planning with Lauren Fogerty of RI250 (Secretary of State's office) for May 26th.
- Program Kick-Off - Local Committee Chair (Caswell)**
Welcome Remarks from Secretary of State Gregg M. Amore, RI250 Commission Chair
Welcome from Local Elected Officials (Chris D.)
Community-Centered Programming
Examples:
 1. **Historical Reflection** - town historian, educator, etc.
 2. **Community Voices** - students, community elders, youth leader

- 3. **Musical Performance**
 - 4. **Reenactment**
 - 5. **Something else - we'd love to hear your ideas!**
- Program Closing - Local Committee Chair**
Group Photo with Tree

9. Panel Event – planning, update and possible action
- Status report.

10. Other events – Planning, update and possible action on the following 250th events listed in our calendar.

3/22/2026	Music of Early America
4/15/2026	Nathanael Greene Westerly Library & Wilcox Park
4/18/2026	Militia and Privateer Enlistment
4/24/2026	Westerly Liberty Tree planting
4/26/2026	Recognizing the Enslaved in Westerly
5/2/2026	RI Independence Day (May 4th)
5/3/2026	The Conspiracy to Destroy the British Revenue Schooner Gaspee in 1772
5/17/2026	Honoring the Diversity of Westerly's Forgotten Patriots
5/17/2026	Babcock Portraits by Joseph Blackburn
5/24/2026	Memorial Day Parade
6/20/2026	Summer POPS patriotic fanfare
6/17/2026	Philip Freneau's War Poetry Reading

7/4/2026	Burial of Time Capsule and reading of the Declaration of Independence
9/13/2026	Early Currency in Our Area
9/18/2026	Test Act reenactment
10/11/2026	Columbus Day Parade
10/17/2026	Historian Panel Discussion - The Revolutions impact on small communities - 1pm
November	Veterans Day Parade
TBD	Town Hall Document Display
TBD	Potential Samuel Ward mural in Ward Hall

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12. New Business

13. Next meeting date

14. Adjournment