

TOWN OF WESTERLY MEETING NOTICE 250TH COMMISSION FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:45 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 2th & April 28, 2026 meetings
3. Drone event review.
4. Westerly Neighbor Day participation - [Westerly Neighbor Day 2026 - May 17, 2026](#)
5. Memorial Day Parade – America 250 Westerly’s participation?
6. Liberty Tree Event – April 24th, 2026

Follow-up planning with Lauren Fogerty of RI250 (Secretary of State’s office) for May 26th 10am.

- a. Program Kick-Off - Local Committee Chair (Caswell)
 - b. Welcome Remarks from Secretary of State Gregg M. Amore, RI250 Commission Chair
 - c. Welcome from Local Elected Officials (Chris D.)
 - d. Community-Centered Programming
 - e. Historical Reflection – Jean Gagnier
 - f. Community Voices - students, community elders, youth leader (ideas)?
 - g. Reenactment? Robert Madison
 - h. Program Closing - Local Committee Chair
 - i. Group Photo with Tree
8. Budget review and adjustments
 - a. Approval of the sarcophagus for the time capsule.
 - b. Adjustment of panel discussion budget.
 - c. Addition of Revolutionary War Veterans Bench.
 - d. Additional T-shirt and hat giveaway to citizens.

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