

Bristol 250th Commission [APPROVED] Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 18 March 2026
Bristol Historical and Preservation Society
48 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Roll Call

- Present: Andrea Rounds, Alayne White, Catherine Zipf, Sarah Griffin, Bill Leary, Lisa Newcity, Craig Evans, Christine Hughes
- Regrets: Michael Riley, Paul Vollaro, Matt Hayes, Warren Rensehausen, Amanda Marsilli, Carol Gafford

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made to strike mention of RI Philharmonic cost and approve the 11 March 2026 amended minutes made by Alayne, seconded by Andrea, all were in favor, motion carried

Discussion of Topics

- Float
 - Chairman of Warren 250 said Warren will have in float in the Memorial Day parade; Christine mentioned that the 4th Committee will be doing a cake theme float; can we fund ½ cost with 4th Committee for a shared float
 - Motion made by Sarah to propose to 4th Committee that B250 “sponsor” the float up to \$5000, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, motion carried – Christine to approach 4th Committee with proposal
- Events Calendar – next events cover 4-9/2026
- Alayne mentioned that Cory Silva is doing work for the B250 website and Explore Bristol and requested that he be paid for his time; motion made by Andrea to pay Cory Silva a one-time payment of \$1000, seconded by Sarah, all in favor, motion carried
- Sarah – mentioned that Instagram posted quotes are now on Explore Bristol website
- Lisa to ask RWU to add 250 events to student housing lottery
- B250 Cartoon Design – Bill mentioned that Brosnihan has provided a rough drawing and will forward additional designs before the next meeting
- Colonial Games – Craig updated the committee on the Colonial Games; approved by the town; will be held Saturday 6/6 (10am-4pm); Gazebo needs card table and chairs (check with parks and rec); card and board game will be 1 hr. each; HS wrestlers will demonstrate how wrestling has changed over the years; track team will assist; art department will help with social media; Phoenix to highlight weekly events under the 250 banner; partner with local restaurants;
- Byfield Flag – need \$1000 from DPW for new plastic cover; van for travel; final choice for location BTA

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn was made by Andrea, seconded by Catherine, all in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted for the Record, Thursday, 07 May 2026
William Leary, Recording Secretary