

BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON PRIDE & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES: Wednesday – March 25, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chair Martin at 7:01 PM. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by the Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Martin.

ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Baumann	Renee Gioiello	Brian Martin	Wayne Martin	Nancy Peterson
Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present

Approval of March 25, 2026 meeting minutes:

Motion: Chair Martin / Second: Ms. Baumann / Vote: All in favor — Approved

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Main Street/ 250th Anniversary

Chair Martin reported that the Committee purchased 25 Betsy Ross flags and 25 traditional Stars and Stripes flags (50 total), along with 50 poles and mounting hardware. The flags are constructed of heavy-duty, weather-resistant burlap material and are designed to be reused in future years. The total cost came to \$1,700. Chair Martin noted that the original vendor quote was \$2,500, but after negotiation the price was reduced to \$1,500, with an additional \$200 for shipping, compared to a budget of \$1,500.

A bucket truck is being sought from Little Egg Harbor for use by the Borough’s Public Works Department to assist with installation. Chair Martin reported an ongoing discussion with DPW Supervisor John Bethanis regarding the angle at which the flags may be mounted. Because Route 9 is a state road, Mr. Bethanis indicated that flags may not protrude directly over the roadway, citing safety concerns. Chair Martin proposed a compromise of mounting the flags at a 45-degree angle in the direction of traffic.

The proposed flag corridor would run from approximately the Tip Seaman/Marines area south to Great Bay Boulevard, consistent with the parade route. Pink surveyor tape will be used to mark the selected utility poles so Public Works can identify which poles to use. The goal is to have the flags installed by Memorial Day and displayed through approximately August.

2. Arbor Day Event

The Committee reviewed preparations for the Arbor Day student writing contest awards event scheduled for Friday evening. The program will begin at 6:00 PM with student readings and presentations, running until 7:00 PM. Approximately 15 student winners are expected; the Committee has 20 medals on hand. At 7:00 PM, the program will transition to the surprise recognition of Russ and Mary Lou, who have not been informed that the event is in their honor. Coordination with their family has been ongoing to ensure family attendance.

Mayor Marshall will assist the students with their readings. Marcus Sell from Stewart's Root Beer will provide each winning student with a coupon for a free ice cream. Chair Martin noted that one student, a member of the Hewitt family, has won the contest three consecutive years — in first, second, and now third grade — and Sue has suggested honoring her with a special recognition, such as an ice cream outing with the Mayor at Stewart's.

3. Fourth of July — Parade & Fireworks

The Committee discussed preparations for the Fourth of July parade. The parade application is nearly finalized; Chair Martin identified two corrections to be made before posting. Members were encouraged to speak with local businesses and community members about participating. Chairman Martin indicated that Committee members plan to march in the Memorial Day parade under the Pinelands Fourth of July Celebration Committee banner in volunteer shirts and to distribute parade applications and sell raffle tickets at that time, taking advantage of the festive atmosphere to recruit participants.

Chair Martin reported that the show is expected to include 4-inch shells this year, pending final confirmation. Amon Construction has agreed to provide a floating dock to be positioned four feet into the lake, creating the buffer zone required between the pavilion and the drop zone for the 4-inch shells. The balance of the fireworks show will be launched from land as in prior years. The dock will be delivered before the Fourth and retrieved on the fifth or sixth.

4. Summer Concert Series

The Committee discussed the upcoming summer concert series. Concert hours are 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, with bands permitted to play until 10:00 PM under the Borough's noise ordinance; it was noted that most attendees typically leave around 8:00 PM when insects become more active. One date in the series remains to be determined and may feature an open mic night or another free act. The Chairman Martin indicated he would reach out to Ocean County to inquire whether they wish to sponsor a band as part of their summer concert series.

Ocean County has also requested a presence at the summer concerts to distribute community information. The Committee had no objection to an informational table at either event.

MEMBER FORUM: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

Approval to pay \$75.00 to Secretary Savannah Beaulieu for secretarial services for the month of April 2026.

Motion: Mr. W. Martin / Second: Ms. Peterson / Vote: All in favor — Approved

Adjournment – Chairman at 7:27 PM

Motion by Chair Martin, second by Ms. Peterson; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Savannah Beaulieu
Secretary