



TOWN OF LEDYARD

America 250 Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/84062453760?pwd=TxqX5obM2biub2dbwb8LMoAOT2I6cF.1>

Meeting ID: 840 6245 3760 Passcode: 138472

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present Scott Johnson Jr.
Douglas Kelley
Kathrine Kohrs
Excused Patricia Riley
Mathew Novosad
Absent Peter Hary

In addition, the following were present:

Mayor Fred B. Allyn III

Kristen Chapman - Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Ty Lamb - Town Councilor

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the America 250 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Kathrine Kohrs

AYE 3 Johnson, Jr. Kelley Kohrs

EXCUSED 2 Riley Novosad

ABSENT 1 Hary

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. America 250 Planning Committee Discussion

Events by Month

July 2025

- Ledyard Celebrates America 250 Kickoff Event - 4th of July Celebration at the Nathan Lester House

August 2025

- Banners in front of Town Hall

September 2025

- Voting Sticker Design Contest in Elementary Schools
 - Patty is in contact with elementary schools
 - Kristen will create a contest template for distribution in schools
 - 12 finalists to present to Town Council on 9/10
- Article in events magazine with QR code to town website

October 2025

- History Day at Bill Library - October 4th - 11:30 a.m.
 - Presentation by Matt Novasad "Ledyard and the War of 1812"
- Cemetery Tours
 - Cemetery Committee (Doug & Kate) - October 17th rain date 18th @ 5:00 p.m.
 - Register through Parks & Rec (free ticket)

November 2025

- Veteran's Day Tribute - America 250 Themed Veteran Yard Signs (Kate & Kristen)

December 2025

- Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House - December 7th (Doug)
- Historical Baking Contest - December 17th @ 6:30 (Matt to organize Library event with cookbook club)
 - Pies, Cakes, Custards & Syllabub (American Cookery 1796 - First American published cookbook)
- Hometown Hero's Ceremony - Dinner Senior Center - December 12th @ 5:30 pm (Scott)
 - \$10 ticket
 - Mayor Allyn will present the "Quilt of Valor"
- Beautification Committee - Bulb Planting Committee will plant red, white and blue crocus to spell "America 250"
 - Gales Ferry School has been planted
 - Ledyard - Bill Library - mulch area

January 2026

February 2026

- Historical Maps & Roaming Exhibit

- 10 easels have been ordered
- Kate is finalizing posters

- Larry Erhart - Colonial Money Presentation - Bill Library - Feb 12 @ 6:00 pm

March 2026

- Color Fun Run - America 250 theme - March 28th (Scott)
 - Checking with school & PD for date approval
- Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit
 - Kate working on choosing 5 women for this exhibit
 - Work with Libraries & Schools to display

April 2026

- Arbor Day Tree Planting - plant an Oak Tree in Town (Mayor Allyn)

May 2026

- Memorial Day Parade "America 250 Float"
 - Parade walkers in colonial dress
 - Councilor Lamb working to provide old farm tractor and/or trailer
 - Councilor Lamb & Doug to provide colonel clothing for walker/walkers

June 2026

- Flag Day Celebration (Flag Retirement Ceremony - Boy Scouts)

July 4, 2026 (Rain Date, July 5th)

- P& R Summer Camp "Celebrate 250" theme week
- **Celebration Nathan Lester House**
 - Reenactors (Matt contacting groups, 5-10 people?; Doug to facilitate site visit)
 - Historical Games (Doug)
 - Awards for Community Group Events
 - Commemorative Coin (Mayor getting info from Larry Erhart)
 - Live Music
 - Bury Time Capsule
 - Colonial Crafts (Doug)
 - Historical Society on board to assist with event
 - Food - TBD (food for purchase - Boy Scouts?, Rotary?, Rustic Boutique Catering food truck?)
 - Parking (Scott checking on use of Van - Job Lot parking?)

*Mayor to solicit donations for the 4th of July celebration (Funds Available \$1,000)

Marketing Efforts

- ✓ "Ledyard Celebrates America 250" Logo
 - ❖ Update from Mayor Allyn - Selling items with logo not permitted Giveaway

items are ok

- ✓ Dedicated Facebook Page - Parks & Rec
 [\(1\) Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574413022609>](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574413022609)
- ✓ Town Web Page - Mayor's Office
[Ledyard Celebrates 250 | Ledyard, CT - Official Website <https://www.ledyardct.org/780/Ledyard-Celebrates-250>](https://www.ledyardct.org/780/Ledyard-Celebrates-250)
- ✓ Events Magazine - Mayor to highlight July 4th Event in Spring & Summer editions
- ✓ Flyers w/ QR code

Other Ideas

- ✓ Commemorative Bell (marking spot for time capsule)
 - ❖ Doug presented Bell available for purchase (\$1900)
 - ❖ Location TBD (Town Green, Lester House, Town Hall)
 - ❖ Fundraising? (commemorative bricks?, plaque with names?)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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