



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## America 250 Planning Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, CT 06339

#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, July 8, 2025

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

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#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

##### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83762413171?pwd=INLaBaCRkN5EI0a1T9rCYuWsqxV8Xj.1>  
Meeting ID: 837 6241 3171 Passcode: 691346 • +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Allyn called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

<b>Present</b>	Scott Johnson Jr.
	Douglas Kelley
	Mathew Novosad
	Kathrine Kohrs
<b>Excused</b>	Patricia Riley
	Peter Hary

In addition, the following were present:

Mayor Fred B. Allyn III  
Kristen Chapman - Executive Assistant to the Mayor

#### **III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS**

None

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MOTION to approve the America 250 Planning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Douglas Kelley

**SECONDER:** Kathrine Kohrs

**AYE** 4 Johnson, Jr. Kelley Novasad Kohrs

**EXCUSED** 2 Riley Hary

**V. OLD BUSINESS****1. Grant Opportunities**

The committee has received a \$1000 grant from the Ledyard Rotary Club. Mayor Allyn will donate \$500 for the pole banners.

**2. America 250 Planning Committee Discussion**

The Committee discussed the following events/initiatives for each month:

**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
- Article in events magazine with QR code to town website

**October 2025**

- History Day at Bill Library - October 4th
  - Roaming History Exhibit (Kate is working on posters)
- Beautification Committee - Bulb Planting
  - Committee will plant red, white and blue crocus to spell “America 250”
- Cemetery Tours
  - Doug & Kate to contact Cemetery Committee (October 17th rain date 18th)

**November 2025**

- Lantern Tours at Nathan Lester House
  - Doug to discuss with Historic Commission for dates
  - Registration online through Parks & Recreation website
- Veteran’s Day Tribute - Historical Veterans from Ledyard (is this happening?)
- Hometown Hero’s Ceremony/Quilts of Valor Dinner Senior Center (Scott)

**December 2025**

- Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House - December 6th (Doug)
- Historical Baking Contest (Matt to organize Library event with cookbook club)

**January 2026**

- TBD

**February 2026**

- Historical Maps & Roaming Exhibit

#### March 2026

- Color Fun Run - America 250 theme (March 21st or 28th)
- Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit

#### 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

#### June 2026

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

#### July 4, 2026

- P& R Summer Camp "Celebrate 250" theme week
- Celebration Nathan Lester House
  - Re-Enactors
  - Historical Games
  - Awards for Community Group Events
  - Commemorative Coin
  - Live Music
  - Bury Time Capsule

#### Marketing Efforts

- ✓ "Ledyard Celebrates America 250" Logo - Pete Hary
- ✓ 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 - Kick off article Summer 2025 w/ Nathan Lester Event
- ✓ Flyers w/ QR code

#### Other Ideas

- ✓ Mural (High School wall?)
- ✓ Commemorative Bell (marking spot for time capsule)

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Community Organizations - Event Registration**

Ms. Chapman will work with the MIS department to create a registration form for community organizations.

### **2. America 250 Voting Sticker Contest**

Ms. Riley has been in contact with the elementary schools. Ms. Chapman will create a contest template for distribution in schools.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Khors moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded Mr. Johnson

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0 Approved and so declared

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