



TOWN OF LEDYARD

America 250 Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84224432009?pwd=me6aGuuaCOQIFB89vaFfwr73JqbNq2.1>

Meeting ID: 842 2443 2009 Passcode: 902005

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

II. ROLL CALL

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

In addition, the following were present:
Kristen Chapman, Mayoral Assistant

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the America 250 Planning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Patricia Riley

SECONDER: Douglas Kelley

AYE 6 Johnson, Jr. Riley Hary Kelley Novosad Kohrs

V. PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**1. America 250 Planning Committee Discussion****Event Ideas by Month**

Ms. Kohrs summarized her meeting with Mayor Allyn for the Committee and gave an overview of how the potential events to celebrate “America 250” could be organized by month with a kick off this 4th of July at the Nathan Lester House.

July 2025

- Ledyard Celebrates America 250 Kickoff Event - 4th of July Celebration at the Nathan Lester House
- Challenge Community Organizations to plan “America 250” themed events
- Time Capsule Survey

August 2025

- TBD

September 2025

- Voting Sticker Design Contest in Elementary Schools
- Roaming exhibit - Highlighting 10-12 Historic Figures
- Declaration of Independence Memorization Challenge Kickoff (search for sponsor to purchase copies for elementary students, Rotary?)

October 2025

- Cemetery Tours
- Hayride
- Beautification Committee - Bulb Planting (find a location to spell “America 250” with flowers)
- Tri-Town Trail Hike to Spicer Ruins

November 2025

- Declaration of Independence Challenge Awards (recognize students at TC meeting)
- Veteran’s Day Tribute - Historical Veterans from Ledyard
- Hometown Hero’s Ceremony/Quilts of Valor Dinner @ Senior Center

December 2025

- Colonial Inspired Holiday Decorating Contest
- Lantern Tours @ Nathan Lester House
- Historical Food (cooking classes @ P&R, Library cookbook club, historical cookbook challenge)

January 2026

- TBD

February 2026

- History Evenings @ Library

- Lecture from Town Historian w/ Traveling Exhibit

March 2026

- Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit
- Panel Discussion - Women in Government

April 2026

- Community Mural featuring historical Ledyard figures
- Arbor Day Tree Planting (replace tree @ GF Library with an Oak Tree)

May 2026

- Memorial Day Parade "America 250 Float"; parade walkers in colonial dress
- Chowder/Strawberry Shortcake Fest on Town Green w/ Movie Night (ex. National Treasure, Patriot)

June 2026

- Flag Day Celebration (Flag Retirement Ceremony - Boy Scouts)
- Create our own Ledyard Commemoration Bell
- Regatta Day tie in (possible boat house tours)

July 4, 2026

- P&R Summer Camp "Celebrate 250" theme week
- Celebration @ Nathan Lester House
 - Reenactors
 - 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
- ✓ Town Web Page - Mayor's Office
- ✓ Events Magazine - Kick off article Summer 2025 w/ Nathan Lester Event

Other Ideas

- ✓ Historical theme plays in schools (Dave Holdridge wrote a play)
- ✓ Create a Historical Research Subcommittee

2. Grant Opportunities

Ms. Khors is collecting information and pricing to submit an application for a State of CT Mini-Grant.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kelly moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Khors.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared

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