



TOWN OF LEDYARD

America 250 Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84792862395?pwd=6n3xv1wkCXwQpgVkJL195pgZ9vw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 9286 2395 Passcode: 997882

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allyn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Scott Johnson Jr.

Patricia Riley

Douglas Kelley

Mathew Novosad

Kathrine Kohrs

Absent 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 Ledyard Celebrates America 250 Planning Committee regular meeting minutes of July 8, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Patricia Riley

SECONDER: Scott Johnson, Jr.

AYE 5 Johnson, Jr. Riley Kelley Novasad Kohrs

ABSENT 1 Harry

V. 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"
- Beautification Committee - Bulb Planting - November 1st at 10:00 a.m. (meet at Bill Library)
 - Committee will plant red, white and blue crocus to spell "America 250"
- Cemetery Tours
 - Cemetery Committee (Doug & Kate) - October 17th rain date 18th @ 5:00 p.m.
 - Register through Parks & Rec (free ticket)

November 2025

- Lantern Tours at Nathan Lester House - December 7th - tentative
 - Doug to discuss with Historic Commission
 - Registration online through Parks & Recreation website
- Veteran's Day Tribute - America 250 Themed Veteran Yard Signs (Kate & Kristen)
- Hometown Hero's Ceremony - Dinner Senior Center - November 14th @ 5:30 pm (Scott)
 - \$10 ticket
 - Mayor Allyn will present the "Quilt of Valor"

December 2025

- Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House - December 7th (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
 - Reenactors
 - Historical Games
 - Awards for Community Group Events
 - Commemorative Coin
 - Live Music
 - Bury Time Capsule

Marketing Efforts

- ✓ "Ledyard Celebrates America 250" Logo - Pete Harry
- ✓ Dedicated Facebook Page - Parks & Rec
(1) Facebook <<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. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.
VOTE: 5-0 Approved and so declared

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