

## **TOWN OF LEDYARD**

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339

# **America 250 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1:00 PM

**Town Hall Annex** 

#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

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.

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September 9, 2025

#### **ABSENT** 1 Hary

#### 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
- o Article in events magazine with QR code to town website

#### October 2025

- o 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

- o Lantern Tours at Nathan Lester House December 7th tentative
  - Doug to discuss with Historic Commission
  - Registration online through Parks & Recreation website
- o 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

- O Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House December 7th (Doug)
- Historical Baking Contest (Matt to organize Library event with cookbook club)

#### January 2026

o TBD

#### February 2026

Historical Maps & Roaming Exhibit

#### March 2026

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

## April 2026

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

## May 2026

o Memorial Day Parade "America 250 Float"; parade walkers in colonial dress

## June 2026

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

#### July 4, 2026

- o 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
  - (1) Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574413022609">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574413022609</a>
- ✓ Town Web Page Mayor's Office
  - <u>Ledyard Celebrates 250 | Ledyard, CT Official Website</u> <a href="https://www.ledyardct.org/780/Ledyard-Celebrates-250">https://www.ledyardct.org/780/Ledyard-Celebrates-250</a>
- ✓ 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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