



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## America 250 Planning Committee

### Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, CT 06339

#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

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#### 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 Novasad

**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 Novasad

**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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