



TOWN OF LEDYARD

America 250 Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/81573020999?pwd=GLYUIaKfvI6csegSCZ85PFOT2b6I4k.1>

Meeting ID: 815 7302 0999

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

In addition, the following were present:

Mayor Fred Allyn III

Jessica Michaud-Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Ty Lamb-Town Councilor

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was Approved and so declared.

1. Motion to APPROVE the America 250 Planning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Scott Johnson, Jr.

AYE 4 Johnson, Jr. Riley Kelley Novosad

EXCUSED 2 Hary Kohrs

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. America 250 Planning Committee Discussion

March 2026

- o Color Fun Run - America 250 theme - March 28th (Scott)
 - Checking with school & PD for date approval
- o Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit
 - Kate working on choosing 5 women for this exhibit
 - Work with Libraries & Schools to display

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
 - Councilor Lamb working to provide old farm tractor and/or trailer
 - Councilor Lamb & Doug to provide colonel clothing for walker/walkers

June 2026

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

July 4, 2026 (Rain Date, July 5th)

- o P&R Summer Camp "Celebrate 250" theme week
- o **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?)

Updates:

Mr. Novosad provided information he obtained while attending a statewide America 250 Meeting. Mr. Novosad stated that CTVisit is where all of the America 250 events will be posted. Connecticut will be hosting a Recommitment Ceremony for the Declaration of Independence; the State would like one dignitary from each town to attend and resign the declaration of independence. The state is also planning a statewide bell ringing.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Color Run has been rescheduled for May 24th, 2026, prior to the Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor Fred Allyn III has moved the Historical Maps & Roaming exhibit to April.

Mr. Lamb stated he will provide a John Deer Tractor and the wagon with hay for the America 250 Memorial Day float. Mr. Novosad and Mr. Kelley stated that they have some colonial clothing. America 250 will have Red White and Blue Bunting, Mr. Kelley stated he can provide bunting from the Nathan Lester House.

4th of July Event Update:

Mayor Fred Allyn III suggested asking 2 food trucks to participate. Mr. Johnson volunteered to obtain a list of food trucks from the Ledyard Farmer's Market and reach out to check availability. Mr. Kelley confirmed the committee would want the food trucks at the event from 10am -2pm.

Mr. Johnson stated that town van may not be available for transportation.

Mr. Novosad and Mayor Fred Allyn III volunteered to seek musicians to provide live music.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Lamb suggested creating an opportunity for town residents to record audio memories and reflections about the community, to be incorporated into the Fourth of July celebration and potentially used for the Town's time capsule.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:42 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Patricia Riley

SECONDER: Scott Johnson, Jr.

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