



TOWN OF LEDYARD

America 250 Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83762413171?pwd=INLaBaCRkN5EI0a1T9rCYuWs qxV8Xj.1>

Meeting ID: 837 6241 3171 Passcode: 691346 • +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allyn called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Scott Johnson Jr.
Douglas Kelley
Mathew Novosad
Kathrine Kohrs
Excused Patricia Riley
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 America 250 Planning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Kathrine Kohrs

AYE 4 Johnson, Jr. Kelley Novasad Kohrs

EXCUSED 2 Riley Hary

V. OLD BUSINESS**1. Grant Opportunities**

The committee has received a \$1000 grant from the Ledyard Rotary Club. Mayor Allyn will donate \$500 for the pole banners.

2. America 250 Planning Committee Discussion

The Committee discussed the following events/initiatives for each month:

Events by MonthJuly 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
- Article in events magazine with QR code to town website

October 2025

- History Day at Bill Library - October 4th
 - Roaming History Exhibit (Kate is working on posters)
- Beautification Committee - Bulb Planting
 - Committee will plant red, white and blue crocus to spell "America 250"
- Cemetery Tours
 - Doug & Kate to contact Cemetery Committee (October 17th rain date 18th)

November 2025

- Lantern Tours at Nathan Letser House
 - Doug to discuss with Historic Commission for dates
 - Registration online through Parks & Recreation website
- Veteran's Day Tribute - Historical Veterans from Ledyard (is this happening?)
- Hometown Hero's Ceremony/Quilts of Valor Dinner Senior Center (Scott)

December 2025

- Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House - December 6th (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
 - Re-Enactors
 - 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 <<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. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Organizations - Event Registration

Ms. Chapman will work with the MIS department to create a registration form for community organizations.

2. America 250 Voting Sticker Contest

Ms. Riley has been in contact with the elementary schools. Ms. Chapman will create a contest template for distribution in schools.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0 Approved and so declared

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