



TOWN OF LEDYARD

America 250 Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Special Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Meeting

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84737095793?pwd=zBm9SUxoFf4TfktFhTUnyYFmywxYcD.1>
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allyn III called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Scott Johnson Jr.
 Patricia Riley
 Peter Hary
 Douglas Kelley
Absent Mathew Novosad

In addition, the following were present:
Kristen Chapman - Mayoral Assistant

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. America 250 Planning Committee Discussion

Mayor Allyn provided the Committee with an overview of his meeting with America 250 - Connecticut. Mayor Allyn shared that the State is asking municipalities to join the State in planning activities and events in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Committee discussed the following ideas for potential events:

- Clam Chowder & Strawberry Shortcake on the Town Green
- Sawmill Demonstrations / Activities at Sawmill Park

- Nathan Lester House - Museum Tours / Picnic / Events
- Red, White & Blue 5K Race Color Run
- Historic Movie on the Town Green
- Ledyard Music - Get Band/Chorus Involved
- Beautification Committee - Red, White & Blue Flowers
- Banner Signs in front of Town Hall
- Storytelling
- Reenactments
- Historical Document Display @ Bill Library
- Music/Concert at UMCGF (Ron Miller contact)
- Special Summer Camp Programming
- Special Voting Stickers for Elections
- Partner with local Business to offer “250 Anniversary” deals and specials (Pete H)
- Time Capsule
- Period Specific Crafts
- Historic Play

The Committee discussed the following initiatives related to the Celebrations:

Uncovering Nathan Lester House History

The group discussed the history of Nathan Lester House, suspecting the house may be older than previously thought dating to around 1740 instead of 1793. Mr. Kelly discussed pursuing a historic structure report to confirm this and the potential of grant funding to assist with this.

Engaging the Public in Volunteerism

The group discussed the importance of engaging the public in volunteerism and getting people involved in town activities. The idea of creating a brochure or flyer to promote volunteer opportunities was suggested, with the possibility of having representatives from various committees at these events. The Committee discussed the need for more docents to provide tours at the Lester House and Sawmill, seeing this as an opportunity for volunteers to learn about the history of these properties.

Passport Program

The committee discussed creating a passport program for residents attending various events. The passports could be turned in for the final event for prizes.

Commemorative Coin

The Committee discussed creating a special Commemorative Coin.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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