



America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Meeting Notes & Resources

1. America 250 | CT Commission Updates
 - a. Affiliate Program - The first round of approvals has gone through with 48 approved including a few town committees. Town committees are encouraged to apply and share with local organizations. The next deadline to apply is **Sunday, November 10, 2024**. Current affiliates & a link to the application can be found [here](#).
 - b. Two Lights for Tomorrow - This initiative is being headed by state commissions and will commemorate the 250th anniversary of The Battles of Lexington & Concord.
 - i. Friday, April 18, 2025 - Illuminate 2 lights in state houses, museums, etc to commemorate the Midnight Ride.
 - ii. Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Nationwide day of service. Connecticut's commission is going to be seeking out a partner for the initiative and providing information and resources to participate. There will be a nationwide map showing who is participating, which we will share out when available.
 - c. Youth Engagement - The Commission will be focusing on getting youth involved in activities. One initiative will likely be having teachers work on 250th in the classroom and encouraging interested students to reach out to their local committees if they want to get involved. Staff will be pulling together a list of resources for how students can participate to share with local committees and youth organizations.
 - d. Funding Opportunities - [Presentation](#) with notes. A page on ct250.org has been set up with a list of funding opportunities
2. Local Committee Spotlight: Litchfield
 - a. See Alice Ridgway's presentation on what Litchfield is planning [here](#).
3. Questions & Discussion (20 minutes) All
 - a. How are your planning efforts going?
 - b. What resources do you need to further them?
 - c. Would you be interested in a private Facebook group or a group via the [CTH network](#) to share ideas and ask questions of each other?
 - i. See [poll](#) - consensus in meeting was that this would be helpful; please share what your preference would be.

Helpful Links:

- [Event Calendar](#)
- [Local Commission Listing](#)
- [Affiliate Program](#)

- [Federal Grants](#)
- [CT Humanities Grants](#)
- AASLH [Field Guide](#), [Programming Guide](#), and [Local Commission Technical Leaflet](#)
- [Two Lights for Tomorrow](#)