America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Meeting Notes

Annual Report Presentation

Details included in these slides which are particularly relevant for town committees. Please feel free to share these slides with your own planning group. Highlights as follows:

Conference: March 21, 2025, University of Connecticut – Storrs

- Program and registration will be available the first week of February; there will be a track geared towards those doing planning work on the municipal level

Education:

- Education subcommittee is creating a packet of lessons aligned to CT State Social Studies Standards for release in summer 2025
- Will share with town committees when complete so you are aware of what's being shared with educators and can disseminate further through your own networks

Planning Workshop: February 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - Register

- Will cover how to use available resources to develop high-quality 250th events, programs, and initiatives that are aligned with your organization or town's strategic mission

Upcoming:

- The commission will share proclamations for towns to adopt in summer of 2025 recommitting to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence
- On July 4, 2026, the commission hopes to have at least one representative from each town in Hartford to participate in a recommitment ceremony, parade, and festival
- State exhibition: An exhibition is in the early stages of development at the Museum of Connecticut History that will highlight the history of the Revolution / themes of the commission. We'll be contacting town committees as that project takes shape to highlight their own histories and connections to the themes as part of this exhibition.

Affiliate Program:

- Town committees & organizations are invited to apply to become affiliates – more information & the application here

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
- Funding Resources
- Private Facebook group