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America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Meeting Notes

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJiDKSl6Uss

1. Welcome
    a. Introduction of New Commissions

2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates
    a. Give 250 Connecticut [Instructional webinar and slides available at this link]

    Give 250 Connecticut is a 250 hour community giving event (July 1 - July 11) hosted by CT Humanities, which will allow individual municipalities to raise funds for use on their 250th programming. A contract is forthcoming, and will allow municipalities to designate a non-profit organization to receive funds on their behalf if desired. Prizes will be available courtesy of sponsors (to be announced prior to the start of the fundraising event).

    The fundraising platform will go live in mid-June, and CTH staff will hold open office hours to assist municipalities/their designees in setting up fundraising pages. Municipalities are encouraged to draft their profile in advance using this template.

    Municipalities will also have the ability to secure matching funds from local businesses, individuals, etc. - match instructions available here and a match form available here.

    b. Proclamations

    Proclamations announcing municipal participation in the 250th are currently being worked through with the Governor's office. When available, these will be distributed to municipalities.

    c. White Oak Trees

    The commission will assist in planning a statewide commemoration centered on white oak trees for 2026. More details will be forthcoming as they are worked out.

3. Local Committee Spotlight - New Milford
    a. Heidi Norcoss shared an update on New Milford's work. See her slides here. Some key initiatives include the development of a scavenger hunt for students, "Airing of the Quilts", and creation of a large copy of the Declaration of Independence for kids to sign.

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
- Recording from Planning Workshop
- 2025 Conference Recordings
- Give 250 Connecticut Resources