



America 250 | CT Commission
Community & Organizational Engagement Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
via Zoom
Minutes

The recording is available via YouTube [here](#).

Attendees

Subcommittee
Amrys Williams (Chair)
Merle McGee
Jonathan Slifka
Tom Scanlon
Margaret Khan
Cathy Labadia

CTH Staff
Cyndi Tolosa
Scott Wands

The meeting started at 2:04 p.m.

1. Welcome & Updates

All subcommittee members briefly introduced themselves to open the meeting. Cyndi Tolosa provided an overview of Give 250 Connecticut, which will be a giving event for Connecticut's municipalities to raise money for their 250th committee's work. To date, approximately 105 municipalities have designated a contact person, so CTH staff is working to identify contacts for the remaining 64. There is not a clear pattern of municipalities that have not yet provided a contact.

Tom Scanlon shared that the Governor's Office is exploring the possibility of hosting a fundraiser for the commission at the Governor's residence in late June or July.

C. Tolosa shared two additional initiatives that are in the planning stages: tree planting, coordinated by Denise Merrill with a working group of volunteers to assist; town-by-town proclamations for municipalities to recommit to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence.

2. Local Committee Outreach

a. Outstanding towns

- i. [Contact List](#)
- ii. [Email Template](#)

C. Tolosa shared the contact list of municipalities which have not yet shared a contact person and asked that subcommittee members sign up for 8 municipalities to reach out to, using the email template. All members present in the meeting reviewed the list and either selected municipalities that they have connections with or requested to be assigned by CTH staff.

3. Code of Conduct

C. Tolosa shared that, in the wake of the commission's conference in March, a couple of issues came to light that indicated it might be wise to adopt a code of conduct for future commission-hosted events. She requested that subcommittee members share any good samples of codes of conduct that they are aware of. Subcommittee members shared links of samples that they have worked with.

4. Other Business

No other business.

The meeting ended at 2:40 p.m.