

AMERICA 250

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America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Meeting Notes

Watch Recording: https://youtu.be/yzX59--t_mE

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Commissions

There were introductions from Greg LaCava in Warren; Deborah Shapiro in Middletown, which now has a joint committee with Portland and is planning a parade and other shared events; Glenn Pianka in Bozrah, who shared a road sign that will be posted around the town

2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates/Reminders

a. Municipal [Proclamation Template](#)

Proclamations to the commission's map of local committees; please share to info@ct250.org if you have adopted it in your town. Municipalities are encouraged to consider adopting the proclamation in the new year if they haven't already done so. This proclamation will serve as a basis for the recommitment ceremony on July 4, 2026 in Hartford.

a. Northeastern Region 250th Planners Gathering

A group including New England, New York, and Canada has been coordinating over the last few years and will be meeting in Ridgefield in late March or early April of 2026. Connecticut planners are welcome to attend as well. The date should be confirmed by the end of the month, and we will share when it has been selected.

b. [2026 Programming Report](#)

The commission submits an annual report to the Governor - in the 2026 report, we will be including a summary of programming put on around the state by municipalities and affiliate organizations. At the link is a Google form to be submitted once your programming has concluded for 2026, as well as a worksheet to use to gather data as you go if your municipality is planning for multiple programs throughout the year. **Please access the worksheet to see what data is needed, and submit the report after your programming is done** - data will be collated for the annual report, and will help the commission to showcase the work done around the state to the governor's office.

c. Statewide Exhibit [Interest Survey](#)

CT Humanities will be producing 2 copies of a traveling exhibit, which will be 4 pop-up banners (3'W x 6'H each) that explore Connecticut's role in the American Revolution and connect to the four themes of the commission. These will be available early in 2026 for loan to municipalities and other organizations, and will travel around the state over the course of the year. **Please**

submit the interest survey if you would like to host the exhibit next year. In addition, there will be an option to download the files for the banners to create your own exhibit, including a template for a 5th panel that may be customized with your local story.

d. [MY AMERICA](#) - project for educators

MY AMERICA is a free project. Educators who choose to participate & register at the link will be sent materials for their class to contribute to a giant American flag mosaic, produced by a Boston-based company. This is a repeat of a project that was completed by Massachusetts students in the early days after 9/11.

e. America250/National updates - [The America250 Playbook](#)

- i. [America Gives](#)
- ii. [Logo/Wordmark & Merchandise](#)

The America250 Playbook has information from the national commission on their plans. Connecticut's commission will share details on those projects that will travel to Connecticut as we have them.

Logo/wordmark - The national commission owns their logo and the phrase "America250." CTH staff is working with them on guidelines for allowing sublicensing, but they are guarding both the logo and the phrase, and they cannot be used for fundraising or merchandise that will be sold. Alternative phrasing that is ok to use for this purpose includes "America's 250th," "U.S. 250," "Seminquicentennial."

See the attached draft guidance; when we have received approval from the national commission we will share a final copy along with the sublicensing agreement for any municipality/affiliate which wishes to use the America250 logo or wordmark. **Please note, that even once officially sublicensed, the logo and wordmark may not be used for fundraising or merchandise, so any municipality/organization with plans to sell items should use an alternate phrasing.**

Helpful Links

Event Calendar

- [Event Calendar](#)
- Event Bulk Submission (For affiliates & municipalities only): [Google Sheets](#) or [Excel](#)
- [Commission Events](#) (now includes national initiatives)

Commission's Network

- [Municipal Proclamation Template](#)
- [Local Commission Listing](#)
- [Affiliate Program](#)
- [Private Facebook group](#) for planners (municipal & affiliate)

Funding Resources

- [Federal Grants](#)
- [CT Humanities Grants](#)
- [Funding Resources](#)

Planning Resources

- AASLH [Field Guide](#), [Programming Guide](#), and [Local Commission Technical Leaflet](#)
- [Recording from Planning Workshop](#)
- [2025 Conference Recordings](#)
- [Classifieds Board](#) - to share/find services for your programming

Education Resources

- Educator [Curriculum](#)
- [Local History Project](#)
- [Flyer](#) for education resources