

# AMERICA 250

## CONNECTICUT

America 250 | CT Commission  
Local Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.  
Meeting Notes

Recording: <https://youtu.be/Mpbrg5WmwIo>

1. Welcome
  - a. Introduction of New Commissions - no new introductions this month.
2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates/Reminders (10 minutes) C. Tolosa
  - a. Commission meeting - 1/21, 10:00 - 12:00
    - i. In person: Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room 1A, Hartford
    - ii. Virtual: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjagfeMyQ0A>  
[Agenda here](#)
  - b. July 4, 2026 Reminder  
Please plan to send a representative of your municipality to Hartford for a state-wide recommitment ceremony on July 4, 2026 - may be a 250th committee member, elected official, etc. Additional details are forthcoming by our February meeting.
  - c. [Proclamation Template](#) - share your adopted proclamation to [info@ct250.org](mailto:info@ct250.org)  
We'll publish your proclamation on our website.
  - d. [2026 Programming Report](#)  
View the template to see what data the commission hopes to collect for reporting at the conclusion of your 2026 programming.
  - e. Statewide Exhibit [Interest Survey](#)  
Submit this survey if you would like to host the traveling statewide exhibition at any point in 2026. It is four 3'W x 6'H pop-up panels; must be displayed indoors.
  - f. Additional Opportunities in Connecticut:
    - i. Event calendar - please share your programs! We have an individual submission form and an excel/google sheet template for submission of multiple events, all linked [here](#). Events are being shared via e-newsletters, with commissioners, and with the Governor's office. We will notify event organizers if we know of someone planning to attend
    - ii. White Oak Tree Seedlings - more information to come, but we will have an opportunity for municipalities to participate in a white oak tree planting initiative later in 2026.
  - g. America250 updates - [The America250 Playbook](#)
    - i. [America Gives](#)

Volunteer/service hour tracking; an opportunity for individuals to participate

ii. [America's Field Trip](#)

For students; prize winners earn cash or a behind-the scenes field trip to a location around the country. CT has previously had 2nd place winners, but no 1st place winners to date. The deadline is 3/30/2026.

iii. Logo/Wordmark [Information](#) & [Sublicensing Agreement](#)

Please carefully review the information on America250's logo & use of the wordmark "America 250/America250." A signed sublicensing agreement is required to use either on your programming, and the logo/phrase may not be used on any fundraising or merchandise regardless of whether the sublicensing agreement is in place. Please direct any questions or return your signed sublicensing agreement to [info@ct250.org](mailto:info@ct250.org).

h. Nationwide Initiatives: Municipalities are invited to participate in any or all if they wish.

i. [America's Potluck](#) - July 5, 2026 - Branding kit now available

ii. [My America](#) - ongoing, for educators

Educators will be sent small pieces of fabric for their students to decorate that will be added to a large mosaic flag. No cost to educators to participate.

iii. [Spirit of America](#) - July 8, 2026

Reading of the Declaration of Independence across U.S. states and territories. Recommendations for planning a comprehensive event based on the annual reading at the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Yale University in New Haven are included at the link.

3. Questions & Discussion

- a. Municipal and affiliate planners are invited to join the [private Facebook group](#) for Connecticut planners, and can use this as a platform to connect, ask questions, find recommendations for programs, etc.

## 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