



**America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom**

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

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome
2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates/Reminders (10 minutes) C. Tolosa
 - a. Municipal Stipends - [Signage](#) & [Reporting](#) Reminder
 - Stipends - all applications that have been received have been processed & applicants have been notified. Please let us know if you expected to hear from us and have not yet.
 - Please use the America 250 | CT acknowledgement signage (either digital downloads or physical signage available at locations around the state) at your events.
 - Please submit the programming report when your 2026 programming concludes. Reporting data focuses primarily on participation and funding, and will be used to support future programming.
 - b. Recommitment to the Declaration of Independence
 - Thank you to those who attended our ceremony in Hartford on July 4 and to those who have already signed. Additional signing opportunities will be available next week around the state. We'll do directed outreach to municipalities that have not yet signed.
 - c. Summer Events Listing ([Current](#)) - see [here](#) & share edits via comment if needed
 - Please check the listing and let us know if you have anything you'd like to add. We anticipate being at fairs, festivals, and other events through mid-October.
 - d. Marketing Opportunities:
 - i. Add your events to [250inCT.com](#) [the direct link to [CTVisit.com/CT250](#)] - Webinar recording & information on how to do so [here](#)
 - ii. Ensure your town's webpage for 250th initiatives is listed [here](#)
 - iii. Ensure your fireworks show is listed [here](#)
- [250inCT.com](#) continues to be the best way to share your events, programs, and exhibits! Please submit any events there. If you have not already confirmed your town's webpage and/or fireworks show, feel free to send that information over to us as well.
3. Questions & Discussion (10 minutes) All
 - a. How have your events been going so far?
 - b. How are your planning efforts for future events going?
 - c. What resources do you need to further them?
- Question about the Department of Transportation signage: UConn students and the state historian collaborated on historical signage about Connecticut and the revolution.

We are working with a student to develop a landing page, which will be live soon. Files are not publicly available for download, but please contact us if you'd like to use the signage for an exhibit in your own town and we can get you the files.

- Comments for future planning -
 - Look for ways to interest kids & families - add fun aspects to history, etc.
 - Local radio stations may be a good way to publicize as they are looking for content - some stations may be willing to interview you at no cost versus paid advertising
 - Make note of successes and things you would change about your planning. If you produce a report to this effect, feel free to share with info@ct250.org so it can be collated for future reference.

Helpful Links

Event Calendar

- [CT Visit's CT250 Events](#)
- [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](#)

America250/National Initiatives

- National commission: Logo/Wordmark [Information](#) & [Sublicensing Agreement](#)
- [America250 Playbook](#)
- [America's Potluck](#) - July 5, 2026
- [Spirit of America](#) - July 8, 2026

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
- [Media Checklist](#)
- Statewide Exhibit [Interest Survey](#)
- [Our Next 250 Webinar](#)

Education Resources

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

Reporting

- [2026 Programming Report](#)