

TOWN OF GRANBY
GRANBY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE
June 19, 2025
MINUTES
Granby Youth Center
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Tod Vibert, Toby Proctor, Bill De Nio, Mark Neumann, Holly Johnson, Deb Holcomb, Dave Roberts, Catherine Chhabra

M. Neumann called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the minutes

M. Neumann moved and B. DeNio seconded approval of the last meeting minutes. Unanimous agreement

Actions from the Organizing meeting

Meeting day of the week works for the committee, but a later start is requested for the next meeting.

Discussion of Mission Statement

M. Neumann moved and T. Vibert seconded the following as the Mission Statement

In Granby, where colonial roots run deep and independence is more than a memory, we gather to celebrate America's 250th. Our mission is simple—to honor the revolutionary ideals that shaped both our town and our nation, through local traditions, shared stories, and a community that continues to stand strong. As we look to the future, we'll commemorate the past in a way that feels true to who we are.

Unanimous agreement

Discussion of Proposed Events

- Parade (4th of July weekend 2026)
- ~~Custom Ball(4th of July weekend 2026)~~
- Public Speaker
- Concert
- Picnic (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Bonfire (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Lecture series on Historical events leading up to the 4th of July
- Join existing Granby events as a Co sponsor event e.g. Agriculture Commission's Farm Day, Granby Artist Association's Open Studio.
- Tree Trail of 14 Colonies state trees
- Essay Contest at the High School
- Time Capsule
- Ken Burn's 'American Revolution' documentary viewing party

Actions for the Next meeting

Check for fundraising sources, e.g. Greater Together Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Donate 250 CT Humanities, Granby Community Fund, and Granby Education Foundation.

Next meeting date Thursday July 17, 2025 6:15 PM

Public Session

None, no public presenting.

Adjournment

On a MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by B. De Nio the committee voted (3-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Neumann,

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