

**TOWN OF GRANBY**  
**GRANBY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE**

**July 17, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Granby Youth Center**

**6:15 PM**

**PRESENT:** Tod Vibert, Toby Proctor, Bill De Nio, Mark Neumann, Holly Johnson, Deb Holcomb, Catherine Chhabra, John Morgan, Martha Delany, Robert King, Cheryl King, Paul Willis, Jen Espinal

M. Neumann called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

**Swearing in the members**

Jen Espinal was present and swore in the members who wanted to formally join the committee

**Completing the intake form**

Jen Espinal was present and provided intake forms for newly sworn members of the committee

**Approval of the minutes**

B. De Nio moved approval of the last meeting minutes with the revision on number of colonies. Tod seconded. Unanimous agreement

B. De Nio moved Mark Neumann be elected as Chairman, Tod seconded. Unanimous agreement

**Discussion of Proposed Events**

- Parade (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Picnic (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Bonfire (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Public Speaker
- Concert
- Lecture series on Historical events leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Tree Trail of 13 Colonies state trees
- Essay Contest at the High School
- Time Capsule
- Ken Burn's 'American Revolution' documentary viewing party Join existing

- Granby events as a Co sponsor event e.g. Agriculture Commission's Farm Day, Granby Artist Association's Open Studio.
- America 250 themed events with local organization; e.g. Camera Club, Granby Artist Association, Simsbury's DAR

### **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.

Check with Town Manger if there is a location for a Muster/ Revolutionary War reenactment

Develop 250yh themed Raffle like Hamilton the musical tickets

Next meeting date Thursday August 21, 2025 6:15 PM

### **Public Session**

None, no public choose to speak

### **Adjournment**

On a MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by B. De Nio the committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Neumann

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