TOWN OF GRANBY

GRANBY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE

January 15, 2026

MINUTES

Granby Youth Center

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Tod Vibert, Bill De Nio, Mark Neumann, Holly Johnson, Martha Delany ,Deb Holcomb, Dave Roberts, Bob King, Deb Holcomb

M. Neumann called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Approval of the minutes

Holly Johnson moved approval of the last meeting minutes with date typographical error corrected, Tod Vibert seconded. Unanimous agreement

Dave Roberts moved and Bill D Nio seconded that the meeting schedule be set as the Third Thursday of each month at 6:00PM from January through August of 2026. Unanimous agreement

Discussion of Proposed Events

- Parade (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Picnic (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Bonfire (4th of July weekend 2026) Tod reported Pallets cannot be used
- Public Speaking
- Thank you to the library for including 250th themed subjects in their Programing this year
- Connect of non-High School band
- Lecture series on Historical events leading up to the 4th of July
- Tree Trail of 13 Colonies state trees
- Essay Contest at the High School, discussed have Junior Marshal status as a prize
- Time Capsule Bill DeNio moved and Holly Johnson seconded the motion that the Time Capsule be buried at the site of the Salmon Brook Historical Society, Unanimous agreement.
- Lawn signs for the homes present in Granby in 1776 are being made and paid for by the Salmon Brook Historical Society.
- Thank you to the Library for sponsoring Ken Burn's 'American Revolution' documentary viewing party

- 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 Granby Community Fund, and Granby Education Foundation.

American Legion Post 182 agreed to marshal the parade

Mark Neumann agreed to organize the Picnic

Holly Johnson agreed to organize the lecture series

Cheryl and Bob King agreed to meet with the Chairman of the High School Civic department

Dave Roberts agreed to work on the Time Capsule

Next meeting date Thursday February 19th, 2026 6:00 PM

Public Session

Kurt Johnson spoke in favor of the banners or a flag across the street as part of the Parade

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Neumann

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