TOWN OF GRANBY

GRANBY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE

February 19, 2026

MINUTES

Granby Youth Center

6:00 PM

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

M. Neumann called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Approval of the minutes

Tod Vibert moved approval of the last meeting minutes, Bill De Nio seconded. unanimous agreement

Holly Johnson moved that we have The Decker Bandits as the Band at the July 3rd evening event. Bob King seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Bill De Nio moved that we use a Spring dog swim at the Salmon Brook Pond as a fundraiser. Holly Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Discussion of Proposed Events

- Parade (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Picnic (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Bonfire (4th of July weekend 2026) Tod will contact Chris Lesiak about a suitable location.
- Public Speaking using volunteers and possible tryouts for the opportunity to read part of the Declaration of Independence or make other speeches on America's 250th birthday.
- 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. 13 tags representing the original 13 colonies have been made and the committee will work with the Holcombe Farm Tree Trail committee to install the tags in the Spring
- Essay Contest at the High School, discussed have Junior Marshal status as a prize
- Time Capsule at the Salmon Brook Historical society ground Planned for later in the summer.
- Lawn signs for the homes present in Granby in 1776 are being made and paid for by the Salmon Brook Historical Society.

- 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, The State revenues from the Nip bottle tax 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

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

Public Session

Kurt Johnson spoke about the types of light poles we have in town and the different banners that are appropriate to each size pole.

Heather form the Granby Horse Council spoke about opportunities for the Horse Council to work as a parade unit and an activity at Salmon Brook Park July 4th

Adjournment

On a MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by B. De Nio the committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Neumann

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