TOWN OF GRANBY

GRANBY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE

Special Meeting April 16, 2026

MINUTES

Granby Youth Center

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Todd Vibert, Mark Neumann, Holly Johnson, Bill De Nio

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

Approval of the minutes

Bill De Nio moved approval of the last meeting minutes, Holly Johnson seconded. unanimous agreement

Communications

Parade start time is 9:00AM at the High school/ Middle School complex. The route follows route 10/202 to Salomon Brook Park. Parade planning age is located at https://post182alct.org/id4-parade-1

This event is a celebration of American independence, and parade units are encouraged to enter floats, bring music, and hand-out patriotic swag (with due regard to avoiding litter; also, no tossing of candy please … passing out by hand is okay. Be mindful of litter prevention).

All Parade Units should fill out the Granby Independence Day Parade online sign-up form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdigpaVqXtJbkYgMg-SSgYjKnv2aFtEQWXsP6rroM0aPCoCkA/viewform?usp=publish-editor
Please share as widely as possible.

Parade Units from surrounding towns are invited to participate!

Curt Johnson gave a report on the banners project progress. Funding has reached 85% of the goal. Funds for 26 banners have been collected.

The committee reviewed the proposed design of the banners as created by SignPro, the supplier. Bill De Nio moved Holly Johnson seconded to approve final design as created by SignPro. The vote was unanimous to proceed.

Discussion of Proposed Events

- Parade (4th of July weekend 2026)
- Picnic (4th of July weekend 2026)

- Bonfire (3rd of July weekend 2026) Todd 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.
- 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.

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 regular meeting date Thursday April 16th, 2026 6:00 PM

Public Session

No public made comments

Adjournment

On a MOTION by Holly Johnson, seconded by Todd Vibert the committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Neumann

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