

Minutes
America's 250th Anniversary Committee
Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 10:30am in the Town Clerk's Office

Attendance: Jim Dassatti, Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am. No changes to the agenda.

Approve the minutes of May 29, June 5, June 26, July 10, 2024 – the chair asked for corrections and hearing none, declared the minutes approved.

Banner Brainstorm:

National suggestions (what images can we find to support):

Mounting Tensions – Acts, Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre

The Declaration itself

Lexington-Concord

Ratification of the 13 States

Continental Congress

Signers of the Declaration

Fort Ticonderoga

Bunker Hill

Flags – first one was 1774 Taunton “Liberty & Union”

Betsy Ross

The terms – Loyalist, Tories, Rebels

Vermont suggestions (what images can we find to support):

Battle of Bennington

Vermont as Independent Republic

14th State in 1791

Green Mountain Boys

Molly & John Stark

Westminster Massacre

Vermont Presidents - Calvin Coolidge & Chester Arthur

State Flag, Motto, Coat of Arms

Benedict Arnold

Wilmington suggestions (what images can we find to support):

Wentworth Grants

Wilmington Charter Battle 1751

Local Commerce during the time

Town Common on Lisle Hill

Who was here in 1776 – farmers, tradesmen

Interesting Wilmington early milestones – electricity

Revolutionary soldiers buried here

Local census information

Framed Individuals in Memorial Hall – who has a list? Therese ask upstairs, Kathleen check with Historical Society

Committee Reports:

Jim – wooden nickels; Deerfield Valley News interested in the flag coloring contest; library program opportunities shared “U.S.A. 250th Anniversary, Wilmington Library Program Fall 2024 through March 2025”; requested participation from the 40th Army Band

Kathleen – shared timeline suggestions from the material Jim shared last meeting; did not get support for the Women in Wilmington idea from the Historical Society – will continue with Wilmington during the times of the Revolution

Therese – budget work, money request, Paul Revere's Ride materials; River Walk History panels & presentation potential

Banner Discussion:

Places for banner exhibits – access is key – Crafts Inn (Jim ask), OSEC (Therese ask), TVMH or TVES schools, MOOver, old firehouse

Tasks:

Work on more items for banners, bullet points, supporting images.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 7, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office
Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 7/24/2024