

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:30am in the Town Clerk's Office

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury

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

Approve the minutes – hearing no changes, the following minutes were declared approved: December 4, 2024; November 13, 2024; September 18, 2024; July 10 and 27, 2024; June 5 and 26, 2024; May 29, 2024.

Historical Society Newsletter:

The committee has been invited to write an article for the upcoming newsletter. The deadline is January 24, 2025. Article should be 1200 words, and a photo can also be included. Kathleen offered to get it started, and the committee will review it at our next meeting on January 22nd. Could we announce a public input meeting inside this article?

Budget:

Therese had roughed out the items requiring funds for further comment from the committee and to fill in any holes. More work to be done to pursue donations and/or 1% Option funds. Need near future presentation to the Selectboard.

Programs/Speakers:

Kathleen reached out to Windham World Affairs Council but has not received a response. Kathleen continuing the conversation with TVMHS Elizabeth Truro regarding the essay/art competition for America 250. Trying to work with the direction of the question since it is so open ended. Their direction is “What does America mean to you?” Discussed more local connection, or the “concept” of America, or what the effects of the Revolution mean to your life now.

Calendar of Events:

Need to lockdown a preliminary calendar of events for sharing to public, etc.
Therese to reach out to Wilmington Works and the Chamber of Commerce.
Need update from Jim on bands, parade elements, and Road to the Revolution programs.

Banner Exhibits:

Therese has contacted a graphic designer to review the project and get cost and commitment.
Need from Jim an idea of items that would need display cases.

Memorabilia:

Need to get orders prepared for display cases, banners, coins, t-shirts, flags (both vintage & US flags), colored powder, and house markers.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 22, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 1/8/2025