

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, March 28, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jim Dassatti, Todd Stewart, Jessica Roberts, Therese Lounsbury
Call to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:34am.

Therese asked for changes to the minutes of March 12, 2025, and hearing none declared the minutes approved.

Website Postings & QR Code: Content is needed for our web presence on the Town of Wilmington's website. Looking for Calendar of Events, links to Vermont State (anniversary250.vermont.gov) and Vermont Historical (vermonthistoryexplorer.org), place Jim's Catamount Chronicles, looking for Wilmington figures to highlight, old photos, stories of houses moved from the old common, land grant timeline, Revolutionary War timeline, snippets from past Old Home Weeks and newsletters from Historical Society of Wilmington. Todd created 3 different QR Codes that lead to the website. The group felt the more traditional look would be recognized by the public as being a QR Code. Todd to share the code via email. We should be able to re-size it but be sure to test it before finalizing a use with it. Send items to Therese, don't hold them for a collection of them, send as you have them. This will get things on the website faster!

Catamount Chronicles:

Jim has copies available at the History Store. We need to get the new QR Code on them.

Committee Reports:

Todd continues working on digitizing photos for the Historical Society of Wilmington. They will be of value for the website and the banners & materials for the installations. He will share the QR Code he created with the group. Please share the old photo of the band with Therese for posting to website. Asked if any of the buntings that appear at every Old Home Week, etc., are stored anywhere?

Jim will provide a copy of the American Revolution timeline that we discussed in our early meetings. He will review the copies of Catamount Chronicles to add QR Code. He is roughing out a banner design that can be easily mixed and matched for the number of banners we wish to produce.

Kathleen contacted Kevin Graffagnino (Ira Allen biography). We discussed potential dates to offer the author to come and give a talk. It was suggested to offer Blueberry Festival Week for this year (July 24 – August 3). If we find a good response to that one, we could offer another date within our 76 dates to July 4, 2026. It could be held in Memorial Hall (check with Jessica Defrancesco) or OSEC (check with Meg Streeter) or the library (if a smaller group is expected).

Therese spoke with Katie Boyd of Wings to encourage a stars & stripes theater production from the kids in the summer of 2026. Need to reach out to the Deerfield Valley Players for the same. Preparing budget and 1% funding ask for April 15th Selectboard meeting.

Adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:30am at Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 3/28/2025