

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, April 25, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jim Dassatti, Therese Lounsbury

Call to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:30am.

No changes to the agenda.

Minutes Approval:

Therese asked for changes to the minutes of April 11, 2025, and hearing none declared the minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Kathleen visited Twin Valley Middle High School after our last meeting. There are two or three essays that are being encouraged for submission to the America 250 Field Trip. There is also some artwork. Both the World History and Art classes took on the assignment. Our Vermont 250 committee will include these in our displays by permission. Is it expected that the America 250 Field Trip request will be repeated next year?

J. Kevin Graffagnino is scheduled for July 24, 2025, at 7:00pm at OSEC Community Room. Plan to offer a \$300 honorarium stipend. Set up at 6:00pm, light refreshments, and ask about tech needs. Plan for press release and flyers to social media, Vermont 250 website, John Lazelle – Local News Facebook, the Commons, DV News, Reformer, Banner, town e-newsletter, and flyers to local clubs and organizations.

Therese worked with Eithne, Assistant Clerk, to get a gallery of photographs on the Vermont 250 website segment. A calendar needs to be established. Wilmington Works confirmed they will do Village Stroll in 2026 on June 20. Our committee will work with them to fund and promote a May 23 Village Stroll with a local history spin. Perhaps we could have the "Then and Now" book put together by then? Spoke with WINGS theater program to encourage an "Americana" production for 2026, their shows are July 4th weekend. Also reached out to the Deerfield Valley Players regarding their theater show for August 2026 – again encouraging an "Americana" theme. Continued work on Partners List, budget, calendar, and talks. Charlie Foster sent one photo of the Courtemanche home.

Jim needs a small QR code for Catamount Chronicles. The bay window in the Town Clerk's Office is complete with Semiquincentennial items; it will be swapped out periodically.

Adjourned at 11:45pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 9, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 4/25/2025