

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, May 30, 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:

Tabled

Budget & 1% Request Review:

Reviewed the various items of the Budget Draft; some adjustments made for cost and quantity. Suggested additions were locking cables for display artifacts that are not in cases, easels for framed prints, personal computer ink usage, and at least 3 more of the Declaration of Independence parchment posters with items necessary to mount them or frame them. Discussed budget for newspaper ads and adding more for other programs that are creeping in outside of the "76 days" concentration. Therese will prepare a 1% Fund Application to share with the committee. Planning for submission to be on the Selectboard agenda for June 17th. We will be able to review at the next Vermont 250 meeting ahead of the presentation to the Selectboard.

Committee Reports:

Jim has submitted a number of banner drafts to share with the graphic designer depicting "national" aspects. Kathleen shared edited Catamount Chronicles back to Jim.

Kathleen is still chasing the National Life booklet and preparing the press release for author J. Kevin Graffagnino scheduled for July 24, 2025, at 7pm in the Community Room at OSEC.

Therese is working on budget and 1% Application. More partnerships have been extended. Discussion on whether we need a promoter to better find authors/speakers/music programs. Perhaps look at venues like Troy Music Hall or The Colonial in Keene. She would still like to explore finding a barber shop quartet or college a Capella group. Therese is in touch with the graphic designer – meeting up after June 24th. Items to decide: header, footer, Wilmington logo, partner logos, QR Code, Vermont Coat of Arms. Need to reach out with one more idea for the house markers. Discussed display locations of Crafts inn, OSEC, and Town Hall with culmination at OSEC so that people can walk through during the July 4th fireworks celebration on the field in 2026.

Committee Tasks:

Therese to visit with Julie Moore at Historical Society of Wilmington to review the space she is proposing for a marketing display for our activities for next year.

Adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 13, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 5/30/2025