

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, June 13, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jessica Roberts, Therese Lounsbury

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

Changes to the Agenda:

Add discussions of this year's Independence Celebration, window change, mini display for Historical Society, Jay Craven movie, and 40th Army Band performance.

Additions:

1. This year's Independence Day & Fireworks is Wednesday, July 2, from 6-10pm (Rain Date – Sunday, July 6). Discussion on whether to have a table. Therese will reach out to see if there is space for us.
2. Display window change – Therese to check with Jim.
3. Discussed what to place in the mini display space allotted at the Historical Society (HS). Their first day open is Sunday July 6, 2025, from 1-3pm. Things to consider: a takeaway, artifacts that would be safe to be unattended, create a poster – could use the insert created for the HS newsletter add QR Code, Declaration of Independence poster, promote Ira Allen event.
4. Jay Craven's movie "Lost Nation" will be playing at Dover Cinema on Wednesday, July 16, at 7:15pm.
5. 40th Army Band to arrive Tuesday, June 17th at 12pm at Norton House to view potential venue for performance this July 4, 2025. Meg Streeter at OSEC said that there wasn't anything at that venue on Friday, July 4th. Therese did not get an email response from Adams Farm yet.

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes for the minutes of May 9 and May 30, 2025, the minutes were declared approved.

Budget & 1% Request Review:

Budget additions – suggested to look at outdoor banners (8' x 3') for places like the side of Town Hall. We could use vendors like Vistaprint. Our 1% request will be presented on Tuesday's Selectboard Agenda. The packet was shared with the committee.

Committee Reports:

Kathleen is finalizing the press release for "Ira Allen". She will create a one-sheeter that can be shared out to e-newsletters and newspapers. Kathleen will cover all the newspapers, the library, schools, churches, our Historical Society, and Vermont Historical Society. Therese can help with Town of Wilmington, Wilmington Works, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Lions Club. Jessica will set up Therese as a user in Canva. It is a July 24th event, so we need all materials ready by Friday, June 27. Kathleen found that the National Life booklets are available for review through the Vermont Historical Society. No answer yet on whether we can get permission to use elements from them or reprint them.

Therese to meet with graphic designer after June 24 to go over banners, t-shirts, and coins.

No word yet on the \$5,000 grant request to Vermont Humanities (notifications by Monday, June 30).

Committee Tasks:

Jim needs to share the Catamount Chronicles electronic file with Kathleen and return her edited paper copies so she can get them in a Google document. Therese can then add QR code and get printed.

Jim – please check with Therese regarding window change.

Jim – can you ask Crafts Inn about using the space inside (old restaurant area) for one of our display locations? April to July 2026

We need to explore more partnerships, create business letters, and book the locations that we have chosen for displays, and order display cases, posters, prints, and flags.

Adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 27, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 6/13/2025