

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, June 27, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti

Call to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:40am.

Changes to the Agenda:

Add discussions of July 2nd Table at Fireworks, Blueberry Block Party Table alongside Book Sale.

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes for the minutes of June 13, 2025, the minutes were declared approved.

Committee Reports:

Therese shared a possible contact that came from Charlie Foster: Jim Allen, Substack, Americana, Amazon.com. A quick look-up that Substack is an Apple social media that connects authors, writers, podcasters? Kathleen to explore.

Mini Display for Historical Society:

July 6th is the first Sunday that the Historical Society will be open. Kathleen shared a list of items that she said was available at the Barber House – list of Revolutionary Soldiers, Green Mountain Boys Book, grocery ad from the Bicentennial. Items we should include: write up from Historical Society newsletter, brochure card with QR Code, calendar of events, Ira Allen talk, uniform on floor stand from Jim, Declaration of Independence, sign up for people to join the Vermont 250th committee. Therese and Kathleen to meet up at 5:00pm on Thursday, July 3 to put display together. Jim to deliver uniform on Sunday, July 6th.

July 2nd Fireworks Table:

Setup starts at 3:00pm. Therese to borrow tent and table. Need display items similar to Mini Display plus flags on poles from Jim. Therese provides tabletop easel and ground easel. Therese to check with Chamber on being able to sell tricorne hats & ? Jim will have to take the lead for a sales outlet.

3:00pm setup – Therese & Jim (Therese leave 3:30pm)

Jim able to cover on his own until Kathleen arrives?

5:00pm Kathleen until finish

7:30pm Therese until finish

July 4th – Iron Sights:

Jim emailed Rotary for parking help – no answer yet. Therese sent press release and one sheeter to all papers, Rotary, Lions, Chamber, Wilmington Works, Town of Wilmington. Jim to hang posters in West Dover, Shaw's, Readsboro, Jacksonville (Bakery & Library). Therese to hang posters in Dot's, Bartleby's, Chamber, Ratu's, Village Roost, Cup & Saucer, Boyd Farm, CreeMee Stand, Village Dog Groomer. Kathleen to post in library and OSEC. Therese will check in with Jill again regarding 4 people for parking and 1 person at the entrance gate to be sure there is no alcohol. Timing: 6pm for parking instruction.

Ira Allen:

Press Release is ready to go. Kathleen to share the graphics she received for Therese to create a one sheeter. Kathleen to share with DVN, Reformer, Banner, Vermont Historical Society, Vermont News Guide, Friends of Pettee Memorial, Historical Society of Wilmington. Therese to share with Chamber, Wilmington Works, Rotary, Lions, Town of Wilmington, other Book Clubs. Kathleen will confirm

everything with OSEC, Therese will check with Friends of Pettee Memorial to help with refreshments. Therese to do check request for \$300 for J. Kevin Graffagnino.
6:00pm set up room with chairs, table for book sales, display Vermont 250th.

Blueberry Block Party Table:

Therese check with library and Chamber for a table during Blueberry Block Party, perhaps near the Library Book Sale for convenience. Will need tent and table or just table.

Committee Tasks:

Therese request more Vermont 250th stickers and magnets. Order ink cartridges for pages/images that Jim is printing.

Everyone – play with display layouts that incorporate the banners, artifacts, flags, etc.

Jim to share back the Catamount Chronicles document. Jim has 3 militia men and 1 British soldier for the weekend. He can put out Catamount Chronicles and Vermont 250th flyers and Vermont 250th materials. Jim will also share his calendar of events.

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 12:10pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 11, 2025, at 1:30pm (note time change!) at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 6/27/2025