

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, July 11, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti

Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 1:35pm.

Changes to the Agenda:

Jessica Roberts withdrawal from the committee. How to recruit more?

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes for the minutes of June 27, 2025, the minutes were declared approved.

Ira Allen Event:

Kathleen will put together an overall Distribution List for all our Press Releases, etc. Therese will send the One-Sheet for Ira Allen to Town Clerks in Whitingham, Bennington, Brattleboro, Dover, Searsburg, and Marlboro. Therese shared refreshment request with Friends of Pettee Memorial. Therese will make a check request for Kevin and place an ad in the Deerfield Valley News. Kathleen will do the introduction of J. Kevin Graffagnino and will contact him at one week out. We can get in at 6pm to the Community Room at OSEC. We need to dress tables for Kevin's book sales, items for Vermont 250 (stickers, magnets, brochures, Catamount Chronicles), and refreshments. We will set chairs in a semi-circle. Therese will make a directional sign for the lobby. Kathleen will bring baked goods and water. Therese will bring plates, cups, napkins, table covers, and veggie tray and ?

Mini Display for Historical Society:

Will Jim be adding a dressed dummy? Can get in on Sundays between 1-3pm. Keep re-filling brochures and Catamount Chronicles and replace expiring programs with new. What will replace Ira Allen?

Committee Reports:

Group decided to release Catamount Chronicles per month – release #1 for July.

Committee Tasks:

Recruit more committee members!

Keep an eye on supplies at Historical Society.

Jim researching The Eagles Concert Band.

Kathleen researching Historic Deerfield and the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association.

Therese researching Ben Franklin House and Longfellow Poem for Paul Revere.

Therese researching Vermont Presidents program.

Jim to refresh his Benning Wentworth presentation and pick a date for it.

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.

Explore the idea of a decorative Hat Parade and Ice Cream Social on July 4, 2026.

Adjourned at 2:45pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 1, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 7/11/2025