

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, August 1, 2025

Attendance: Todd Stewart, Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti

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

Changes to the Agenda:

None

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes for the minutes of July 11, 2025, the minutes were declared approved.

Ira Allen Event Review:

Good response, great coverage by the Deerfield Valley News, helpful to have the A-frame sign out on the corner, flyers were good, author was happy with the turnout.

Committee Reports:

Todd reported on his efforts for the "Then & Now" book. He shared some "General Views of Wilmington Vermont" photos from the 1800s. There were 34 photos (9.5" x 7") in a small book. Can we re-publish it? We need to research vendors and get pricing information. Photographer is Frank Crosier, born in Colrain, died in Readsboro, July 31, 1844, to October 3, 1929. There is a photo available of Frank on "Find A Grave" (a website owned by Ancestry). Would Readsboro Historical have anything on him? We also discussed the Deerfield Valley Times Book and wondered about "Dooleyville".

Kathleen reported efforts to gain some programming elements from Ken Burns' upcoming mid-November release of his latest documentary about the Revolutionary War. This is partnered with the library and will be released in segments – December, January, February.

Jim reported on the parade for next year. It would be good to register a theme and have prizes for people to enter floats into the parade. Jim has a template to share for applying to be in the parade. It would be good to plan to have the MOOVer last to give rides back to people's cars at the start of the parade. We should contact the 40th National Army Band again about doing an event or events next year.

Committee Tasks:

Jim needs to share with Therese the original artwork used for the banner layouts – Tamara will need these for the graphic design.

Therese will investigate Eagles Band and Barbershop Quartet.

Kathleen is completing a list/log for placing flyers around our communities. She will follow through on Ken Burns, Historic Deerfield, and look for the ring binder that belongs to Jim.

Todd will continue efforts for "Then and Now", and show Eithne where the historic photos are stored for website purposes.

Adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 12, 2025, at 1:30pm at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 8/1/2025