

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, September 12, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Len Chapman

Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 1:30pm.

Welcome new members Len Chapman & Marty Gehring (Marty unable to make it today).

Changes to the Agenda:

None

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes for the minutes of August 1, 2025, the minutes were declared approved.

Committee Reports:

Therese met with Marie Paige representing DVES to find some topics/activities that would engage our Elementary students with the semi quincentennial. Kathleen will reach out to both Marie and Elizabeth Truro again for the America 250 essay/art contest.

Kathleen reported that there are two exhibits from Historic Deerfield currently. One is clothing that runs until January, and the other is Vermont Furniture until November. She will research whether there is a mini version of these exhibits that could be shared locally, perhaps as a presentation at the library. Kathleen also shared the grant that was pursued by the library for programs related to Ken Burns new documentary on the American Revolution. They did not receive the grant, but have access to program materials starting Jan/Feb. The series launches on PBS the third week of November. There will be six themed screening reels that will promote the series itself.

Committee Tasks:

Lenny is very interested in local history, willing to research some local aspects to celebrate during our initiatives. The group looked at an early charter map that could be researched for settlers. There is a Margaret Greene book for the portraits hanging in Memorial Hall. Can he find anything on "Dooleyville"?

Kathleen to research whether the library can access any other Ken Burns documentaries.

Therese will email the images of the banner topics put together by Jim so that we can find the original graphics for Tamara.

Adjourned at 2:30pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 3, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 9/12/2025