

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, October 24, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Marty Gehring, Therese Lounsbury

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

Changes to the Agenda:

None

Minutes Approval:

After making an adjustment for the spelling of Jim Dassatti's name, the minutes of October 3, 2025, were declared approved.

Committee Reports:

Kathleen gave the update that the Ken Burns screening at the library will be Thursday, November 13th at 6-7pm. The screening and discussion with refreshments will be presented. She will get flyers and emails out to advertise the event. Kathleen reached out to Kevin Graffagnino for a couple future dates and topics. Kevin shared that the Vermont Council on Humanities is subsidizing some talks and that we could apply for the talks on "Zadock Thompson and the Story of Vermont" and "Consuelo Northrop Bailey: Vermont Pathfinder". We should secure dates with the presenter (Kevin gave us a series of dates that he already had booked – April 15, May 1, 6, 17, August 16) and then apply. The committee floated the dates of Sunday, April 19th at 4:00pm (followed by our party kickoff), Thursday, June 18th at 7:00pm for Zadock Thompson and Thursday, August 13th at 7:00pm for Consuelo. We would also like to separately have him do "Why Vermont History Matters". The sponsored events would only cost the mileage fee (232 miles x .70/per mile = \$162.40) as Vermont Council on Humanities will cover the speaker stipend. Kathleen will follow up with Kevin and the application process. Kathleen researched the book "Freedom & Unity: A History of Vermont" for a library offering. There is also a six-part film series. The next round of America 250 – America's Field Trip became available, and Kathleen reached out again to TVMHS. She will also look at availability of "1776" movie.

Last meeting of Historical Society of Wilmington is Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00pm. Should we remove display and re-do it in the Spring?

Committee Tasks:

Therese to secure dates with Jim for "Road to the Revolution" talks and Benning Wentworth. She will also secure our spaces for the displays. Therese to connect Marty and Kathleen with TVES through Marie Paige. Therese to contact Randy Schoonmaker for a couple speaking dates for the history of the MOOver property. Therese to reach out to Dave Larsen for book talk on local school system. Therese to reconnect with graphic designer.

Marty to research available speakers to topics of Senator George Aiken, Calvin Coolidge, Madeline Kunin, and train history with her son-in-law, Tim Lawrence. Look into timeline projects for students to research their own family history and genealogy along the timeline of national/local events. Marty to chat with Bartleby's about stocking historical selections for 2026.

Adjourned at 11:45am.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 7, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 10/24/2025